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## Summertime. And the living is easy

DIANE COYLE

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke yesterday reduced the cost of porrowing to its lowest for nearly 25 years, bringing millions of homeowners an unexpected bonus. A surprise quarte-point reduction lowered base rates to 5.75 per cent

Many of Britain's mortgage lenders followed suit, led by the two biggest, Halifax and Abbey National. The fall in mortgage rates, at their lowest for three decades, will save an average borrower £7 to £10 a month.

Conservative backbenchers, encouraged by improving economic news, speculated that John Major was leaving open the option of calling a snap autumn election on tax cuts and anti-European feeling following the beef crisis.

The volume of retail sales grew for the eighth mouth running in May, although more slowly than in April.

Retailers' optimism about future sales returned to its highest level since 1988, according to a CBI survey.

Separate figures showed that Surge cre were 8.5 per cent more new-car registrations last month

than a year earlier. Black Horse Estate Agencies, owned by Lloyds Bank, reported a sudden shortage of properties as thousands of buyers returned to the housing market. Nearly half said they did not have enough family houses on. their books.

Other surveys revealed increased optimism among small companies for the second successive quarter and a sharp panies entering receivership. Yesterday's move by the

Chancellor, following cuts in interest rates and taxes, will help ensure that growth continues to pick up. Mike Blackburn, the Hali-

fax's chief executive, said: "This latest cut represents a further shot in the arm for the housing



Hot beef: A farmer hoses down his prize bull at the South of England Show, West Sussex, yesterday as temperatures sourced into the eighties

Base rates have now fallen four times, in quarter-point steps, over the past seven

eral spures to to consumer ly driven. "I don't take alone in letting politics cloud his spending, including electricity monetary decisions to affect the economic judgement," said rebates, maturing Tessas, tax timing of an election," he said. Alex Garrard, at UBS invest-cuts and earlier mortgage re- But disbelievers abounded. ment bank. ductions. New price controls A announced by the regulator, Ofgas, will take £8 a year off the

average gas bill. A new batch of surveys yes-

A Liberal Democrat spokesman, Malcolm Bruce, o placed by a re-election target."

Mr Clarke termed his move past 25 years has reduced base twice as long as usual. rates in the run-up to an elec-The latest fall is one of sev- tions that it had been political- tion. At least Mr Clarke is not

> Most commentators were convinced that Eddie George. said: "The Government's in-flation target has now been re-land, had opposed the cut. In one sign of disagreement, his

that the economy is gathering mentators were equally scepti- Chancellor on Wednesday lastcal. "Every chancellor in the ed an hour and a half, nearly

Only last month the predicted that Mr Clarke was slightly more likely than not to miss his inflation target two years hence - the deadline m-flation policy was intended to aim for - if base rates were not

increased. Roger Bootle, chief economist at the City bank HSBC Markets, said: "The Bank's lat-

they would have opposed the move strongly, although the Governor is enough of a politi-

Mr Clarke emphasised the absence of any cost pressures behind yesterday's cut, which came the week before his annual Mansion House speech on monetary policy. A significant minority in the City agreed that the stronger pound and low inflation justified lower interest

Photograph: Brian Harris

The Shadow Chancellor. Gordon Brown, focused on the weakness of manufacturing. because growth and business investments are depressed and manufacturing is now technically in recession," he said.

Business leaders have broadly welcomed the move, but some of them were concerned increase in interest rates later in the year.

Clarke versus George, page 15 "recession menu".

Yesterday was the kind of summer day that made Britain seem a decent place to call

It was the hottest day of the year, with temperatures nudg-ing 30C (86F). Indeed, London put the likes of Bermuda, Rio de Janeiro, Los Angeles and the Bahamas firmly in the shade. On the pitch at Edgbaston, England's cricketers bowled India out in a display which could only be described as lively – not the sort of adjective usuilly applied. Meanwhile, Terry Venables and the England footbali team were at last able to focus on preparations for Euro 96, rather than in-flight entertainment - and Kenneth Clarke cut interest rates.

Politicians pray for such conditions. And it is for more of the same that Conservative strategists will be hoping as they plot the date of the general election. In fact, before making a decision, the suits at Central Office could do worse than take a seat in front of the box, and tune into the Euro 96 championships.

For many, Harold Wilson's stunning success in the 1966 election will always be associated with England's World Cup victory. Conversely, in 1970, Wilson received a drubbing at the hands of Ted Heath just days after England squandered a two-goal lead in the Mexico World Cup and lost to West Germany

Were these events connected? Perhaps. As one senior Government source told the Independent: "If England win Euro '96 then we'd call the

A long, fine summer could leave the nation feeling better about itself, water shortages allowing, before an autumn poll. Whatever happens, it is beginning to feel rosier than 1991. Just before the last elecabout the possible need for an tion, a restaurant in Battersea, south-west London, was trying to entice diners inside with a

#### Many City of London com- monthly meeting with the est Inflation Report suggests rates. Clarke resists calls for an early poll

#### **COLIN BROWN**

Better economic news, beef jingoism and a change in the na-tional mood over the summer are encouraging some Torics to talk about a tax-cutting Budget and a snap election later this year. Tentative plans have been laid for a quick manifesto and a sudden campaign. But with the Government so far behind in the polls, the Cabinet is

Distriargely hostile.

manage Kenneth Clarke, as a strong tars Jas ocate of a late election, will Juice an a relaxed mood when he FILM: Disters his Treasury team today 1938 Canticuss strategy for the Bud-Lithgow, and, with the Bank cutting Street Lies and evidence of consumer recovery, he has some reason

for self-congratulation. On BBC radio yesterday he said: "What is going to win this election is that we are running a good market economy. Handing this lot on to Gordon Brown would be the silliest mistake the day

British public can make." But Tory backbenchers do not share his optimism. While the Chancellor plans for a "steady as she goes" Budget, many are growing increasingly agitated. They believe his red Budget box is their last hope of winning the election, and fear that when he flips it open to a waiting world

this autumn, it will be empty. Their worst fears were compounded by the Treasury's dis-covery that its forecast for VAT receipts were £6bn off the mark.
And last week the the OECD reported last week that growth is likely to be about 2 per cent, 1 per cent less than forecast.

This may have been respon-sible for the Chancellor's decision to snip interest rates by a quarter per cent yesterday. That is feeding through into lower mortgage rates and higher consumer spending. If the recovery continues, the "feelgood factor" may be rediscovered by polling

THE ECONOMY RECOVERS BUT THE TORIES DON'T

Clarke has got nothing to offer voters by way of a pre-election bribe - and his remarks about a "sensible" Budget will reinforce that view - it might be bet-ter to scrub the Budget. One

But many MPs feel that if Mr scenario being considered around the tearooms is for him to offer the hint of good times to come and go to the polls with

against Mr Brown's rather modest alternatives, it might seem a reasonable bet.

Backbenchers also fear the beef crisis has shown John Major's government is accidentprone and may not survive the

winter without other unexpected mishaps to his majority. Better to go early, some say, than

forced to go in the cold winter. But Mr Major is determined to go on until May next year. He has stout backing for the "play it long" policy of Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, and the Chancellor, and probably the whole Cabinet. But there is a Doomsday scenario being talked about by some of Mr Ma-jor's closest friends. They are in fatalistic mood: if they are going to lose anyway, why not go out with a bang by cutting in-

come tax by 3p in the pound? That would leave Mr Brown to clear up the mess, and every chance that a Blair government with a tiny majority could be out of office in 18 months The danger, they fear, is that by being prudent, the Chancellor will hand Mr Blair the golden scenario of sustainable growth, with which he could go back to

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CHAMPAGNE OF THE SEASON

#### CHICKLY ajority threatened MP last night threatened to gn the Conservative whip -

wiping out John Major's Commons majority - in protest at the deal that has been struck between the British and Irish gov-ernments for Ulster peace talks.

#### Untold riches

Some of the poorest and most disabled people in the country may have died being owed £10,000 or more by the DSS because of the department's failure to identify them. Page 4

#### Ecstasy at home

The price of ecstasy has dropped to as little as £5 a tablet, helping create a new thought to have succeeded, breed of habital drug-takers though the US government has who shun nightchibs and get out no value on any damage. high at home instead. Page 3 Specialists testifying before

#### US takes on the 'cyber-terrorists' US hearings on computer security suggested this week that recently targeted by Russian net was developed to guarantee exactly that sort of infrastruc-DAVID USBORNE New York

and CHARLES ARTHUR So many hackers are using the

Internet to try to break into sensitive American military and civil systems that the US government is about to create an expert team to counter 'cyber-terrorism".

The move follows revelations that last year there were 250,000 attempted intrusions into the Pentagon's systems via the global computer network more than double the number detected in 1994. Roughly 160,000 of the attempts are thought to have succeeded,

corporations world-wide, espe-cially banks and hospitals, may have lost more than \$800m last year because of so-called "datadidding" perpetrated by latter-

day pirates on the Internet. The number of computers connected to the Internet has grown explosively in the past two years, increasing at least tenfold. Many of those joining. in that time have been compa-mes, especially financial corporations. But simultaneously, the number of "attacks" on such systems has shot up, and often from hackers based abroad who can use the seamless communications links to

cover their tracks.

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able to break into its internal network and divert funds to an account they had set up abroad. A court case is pending.

the promise of a giveaway Bud-

get, if the Tories are re-elected. Voters may smell a rat, but, set

The US Attorney-General, Janet Reno, has proposed the creation of a team to investigate assaults on national security via the Internet, and to act as an emergency response unit when they occur. Likely to be nuveiled this summer, it would be called the Cyber Security Assurance Group. The US government's great-

est concern, however, is that terrorists or even hostile states could cripple communications networks that are vital to the running of the national infra-In Britain, a bank was structure Ironically, the Inter-

ture in the event of an atomic strike by the Soviet Union. Instead, it might now turn out to be the architect of disaster. Possible targets could be fi-

nancial networks, including those of the main banks and the Wall Street trading floors, air traffic control computers, the power grids and the systems at the centre of national defence. The risk has already been

recognised by Congress. Drafts of the 1997 Defense Authorisation Bill to fund the US military include a requirement that the White House should report within six months on "the national policy on protecting the national information infrastructure from strategic attack".

## Order in the House, and other calls for discipline

If there is an S&M tendency in the House of Commons, it ought to flock to Home Office questions and give itself a thrill. Since Labour "came out" as a law-and-order party, the competition has been fierce to see which side of the Chamber contains the greater number of leather-clad discipline lovers. Can Spanker Blair and Curfew Jack give more satisfaction than the hangers and floggers on the beaches opposite?

Prohably not, was the verdict after yesterday's exchanges. It was, after all, revealing that the Tory response to Tony's admission that he had - with regret smacked his children, was to compare this with Bill Clinton's mean by "zero tolcrance". A famous encounter with mari- purring Home Secretary had



DAVID AARONOVITCH

juana ("I smoked, hut I didn't inhale"). The implication was that, when Conservatives beat their children, they do it not with weaselly sadness, hut with a robust and manly pleasure.

Labour's Tony Banks found oot the hard way what Michael Howard and his team really

rington (Con, Fulham) on the tens of millions spent on new police stations in his con-stituency. Mistaking Mr Howard's look of feline selfsatisfaction for good humour, Mr Banks asked gently whether there might not also be some extra resources for London coppers policing Euro 96. All of a sudden Mr Howard, in his mind's eye, was transported from the desert island on which maidens were feeding him pineapples and beef, to find himself in front of an Old Bailey jury, prosecuting a serial child killer. Typical Labourt he

thundered, waving an accusing

digit at the cowering Banks - af-

just accepted the fawning con-gratulations of Matthew Car-and extra for that, while op-trageous suggestion made by posing every effort the Government made to hring criminals to justice. How could anybody trust them? Saliva rained down on the Dispatch Box. "What did I say?" asked the genuinely puzzled member for Newham.

> Much the same happened when Mr Howard's formidable No 2, Anne Widdecombe, was asked a question about prisons. Ms Widdccombe, as we know, hasn't any children to hit (though one feels that she would be entirely comfortable smacking other people's). In a voice that could be heard the length of four hockey pitches (and a dress that could be seen educition or helf services.

trageous suggestion made by Greville Janner (Lab, Leicester West) that the Government was presiding over prison over-crowding. It was, she bellowed, all the fault of the previous Labour government, which hadn't built the number of prisons it should have realised Mr Howard and herself were eventually going to need.

Enter David Evans (Con, Welwyn & Hatfield). The Bri'ish payple", he yelled, "are sick'n tired of immy-grants who ply nuffing and tike evryfing." He advocated that such immygrants shoud ply taxes for five years before they or their children were allowed to use the

And how did the junior minister, Timothy Kirkhope, respond? Did he, perhaps offer some gentle reproof, remind him of the traditional tolerance of the British payple? Or, if that was too much to expect, did he simply place a polite distance hetween the Government's views and those of Mr Evans just out of deference, say, to the Home Secretary's family's own fairly recent immigrant status?

No. These, alas, were the minister's exact words. "I congratulate my honourable friend on his robust remarks."And with them ensured that, for the time being, he and his colleagues are likely to retain the most committed S&M, blackleather vote. No contest

### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

form Brain is to signal that mixed ability teaching will come to the end of the road under a Labour gove I come to the end of the road under a Labour government in a speech at an Oxfordshare comprehensive school today. The Labour leader is expected to say that comprehensive schools are not working as well as they should be because they do not do enough to take account of pupils' differing needs and takings. He will underfine the Labour Party's commitment to teaching children in sets for different subjects divided by ability, and declare that Labour is a meritocratic party which wants to bring out the best in individual children.

Mr Blaff is seeking to take a middle position between the Conservative Party's blans to microse selection and Labour 5 traditional attachment to uniform comprehensive education. He will tell Diricot Girls School than John Major's plan to have a "grammar school in every town" is a waste of money which would be welf at most one child in 20, and "a danger out distraction from the central issue of raising sundards for ous distraction from the central issue of raising standards for all elidien. But he will also mount a strong attack on the status quo in state schools, most of which still have a fully compreheasive intake, saying. If one believes, as we do, in tockal justice, there can be no greater social injustice than giving a child a baid education. John Ressau!

Cancer experts are to investigate a rare leutaentia.

Courser in Camellord in Cornwall where eight years ago water simplies to 20,000 people were contaminated when 20 tons of aluminium subplate were poured into a tank at a water-treatment cantre. Members of the local community believes the contamination is to blame for three children developing leutaents. Askey, 14, died in January, and a girl 13, and assister 14-year-old boy are receiving chemotherapy treatment for the disease. They are all in the same farm group at St. James. Smith's Secondary School.

The convents and isses of Scilly Fleath Authority last intelligent an independent inquiry into the cases, and the same farm and staff to report on their preliminary spous is a professor Ray Cartwright, director of the standards Research Fund and Professor of Epidemiology.

The contamination is a fundamental interpretation in the previous Research Fund and Professor of Epidemiology. The contamination is a fundamental for investigation. The said they would follow several lines of investigation, including the contamination incident. Let Hunt. including the contamination incident. Le Hunt

The fillings report into sexual and physical abuse at children's homes in Clayd may now never be published. The Secretary of State for Wales, William Hagne, last aight denounced the saga of the report as "a botched exercise". which has raised more doubts than it has resolved". He yesterday came under increased pressure to hold a judicial inquiry into affair when five councils who took over from Clwyd in local government reorganisation said it was the only way forward and offered to help with the undury.

only way forward and priered to help with the inquiry.

The report by John Illings, former Derbyshire thrector of social services, linked the deaths of 12 young men to their time in care and recommended a judicial inquiry. It is claimed the report could be libellous and Mr Hague had told the councils to find a publishable version. A statement from the councils yesterday said: "We restated out belief." that we cannot engently publish an edited version of the fillings report that would restore public confidence or allay the many concerns that have been raised. Roser Dation

dish peace campaigners restorday handed 16,000

Signatures to the families of the two men tilled in the

IRA bomb in Docklands, east London, to reinforce the

campaign for the tenewal of the cessoire. It was a genuine outpouring of the sense of outrage and anger that the Irish people felt at the time, said Chris Hudson, said Chris Huds maign for the restoration of the IRA ceasefire. The campaign for the restoration of the IRA case inc. The campaigners oppose any attempt by Simt Fein to be included in the cross-party talks on Monday unless the IRA has restored the ceasefure. The signatures were collected at a series of peace rullies, attended by 60,000 supporters in Ireland to protest at the IRAs ending of the ceasefure with the bombing last February, which killed newsagents laman Lil-Haq Bushir and John Lefferies. Colin Brown

An inquiry into how a bogus nurse obtained work five.

Atimes in a Manchester hospital was launched yesterday.

The woman worked on a geriatric ward at the Hope
Hospital in Salford earlier this year, fooling n ward sister by
arriving dressed in the uniform of an enrolled nurse. The deception came to light after her six year-old son was taken to Bolton General Hospital in a coma after being given an overdose of insulin. He has since fully recovered.

Police released the mother and her boyfriend on bail last week after questioning them both about the boy's coma. They are understood to have considered the possibility that the mother suffered from Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, in which a carer induces illness in a child in order to draw attention to him or herself. Bill Sang, Salford Royal Hospitals Trust chief executive, said the trust was concerned about how staff had been tricked, but there was

no suggestion the woman had tried to harm any patients.

The hospital was also the subject of a report published yesterday by the Health Service Ombudsman who referred to the "unprecedented" amount of complaints he had received about it over the last two years. Glenda Cooper

reemasons on the Isle of Wight have been cleared of corruption by an inquiry. The Local Government Ombudsman said yesterday he had found no evidence that masons had formed a group on Medina Borough Council to influence planning decisions. The investigation followed the resignation of Alber Annett as council planning chairman and from the Tory party because he said he could no longer take the pressure from an alleged masonic cabal. A row had blown up over a council decision to develop 10-acres of open space next to a housing estate in the north-east of the island. A local residents' group brought a formal complaint, claiming the councillors were masons and the property developer also had ties with the secret society. In a rare move, the United Grand Lodge of England, the mesons ruling body, confirmed to the Ombuseman, Jerry White, that three of the five counciliors at the centre of the allegations and the agent for the property developer were masons. Chris Blackhurst

urgery which aims to reduce the risk of stroke may Surgery which aims to reduce the risk of stroke in Shave no benefit and could even harm some patients, according to new research. The operation to treat blocked arteries which supply the brain, is widely used in the ted States, and is being promoted by some surgeons in Britain. However, a European study of 1,599 patients in 15 countries, with moderate blockage of the arteries, found that the operation, known as endartectomy, itself carries the risk of stroke or even death. Stroke-free life expectancy was shorter in those patients who underwent surgery, and "a rather higher proportion of strokes were disabling in the surgically treated patients (42 per cent) than in those randomised to avoid surgery", a report in Iomorrow's issue

## MP 'to resign' over the latest peace chance

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

A ministerial aide last night threatened to resign the Conservative whip, wiping out John

Major's Commons majority, in protest at the deal struck between the British and Irish governments over the peace talks in Ulster on Monday. The threat to resign hy

Terry Dicks, a parliamentary aide to John Watts, the Transport minister, overshadowed

the unveiling of the plans.

They were halled by Dick
Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, as the best chance of neace which the two governments could have offered. The decision to give the

former US Senator George Mitchell a central role as chairman of the plenary session and the talks on decommissioning provoked an angry response from Mr Dicks, a committed unionist Tory MP, and from Ulster Unionists. The details were agreed

after exhaustive negotiations lasting three days between the while Mary Rohinson, was on the first official visit by an Irish The first official visit by a transition of the Irish The first official visit by an Irish The two governments in London, The Irish had pressed for Mr

and the Republic. But David Trimble, the Ulster

tween the parties on North-

powers of a supremo, they will have another think coming."

The deal was held up because of a dispute over the overall control of Mr Mitchell. Duhlin sees his presence as an important guarantee to Sinn Fein of American influence on the progress of the talks The Irish negotiators were

forced to accept a compromise to allow the "strand two" talks to be chaired by a Canadian, General de Chastelain, who was also a member of the Mitchell commission on the decommissioning of the IRA's weapons. However, last night members of the Irish team privately expressed satisfaction that Mr Mitchell will play the overarching role, causing the Ulster Unionists to protest.

Sinn Fein will not be admitted to the talks, beginning on Monday, because the IRA has refused to restore the ceasefire. But Mr Spring urged the IRA to think again about their warnings this week that a ceasefire was extremely remote. He made it clear the door would be left open to Sinn Fein as soon as a ceasefire is announced.

decommissioning question that Mitchell to chair the delicate Sinn Fein is at that phase of the "strand two" negotiations be- discussions. It is unlikely others will engage in meaningful dis-South relations between Ulster — cussions on the decommission-

ing question in their absence. 'It is our hope they would be Unionist leader, said: "If there able to be at the talks sooner

upon Sinn Fein and IRA to make the decisions that are nec-

The rules for the talks require a review of progress on de-commissioning and other issues by the end of September. But Mr Spring left open the possihility that there could be a further delay if Sinn Fein enters the talks late.

Senator Mitchell will chair the plenary session and the subcommittee on decommissioning. General de Chastelain will also chair a husiness committee. The agenda for the opening session will start with a requirement that all the parties declare their support for the Mitchell report, disowning

Mr Major and his Irish counterpart, John Bruton, will personally launch the historic all-party Northern Ireland talks on Monday, after finally clinching a deal on procedures for the negotiations

The British government will chair "strand one" of the negotiations, which deals with internal Northern I reland maiters. The British and Irish governments will jointly chair 'strand three", which covers relations between the two

Senator Mitchell will be able to convene further meetings of the plenary session as he powers to try to hreak through an impasse if there is no consensus, hy offering his own



Head start: A visitor to a Chelsea Festival milliners' extravaganza at the Old Town Hall. Chelsea, tries on one of the creations vesterday

#### Hamilton licence concerned police

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JAMES CUSICK

Fire years before Thomas Hamilton shot dead 16 school children and their teacher in Dunblane, police in Central Scotland had considered re-

toking his gun licence. In the first evidence at the inquiry to suggest police action mer the gan licence might have prevented the horror of 13

DS Hughes said police found that Hamilton owned two pistols and was authorised to hold two Hamilton's licence be revoked. The detective's memo was relumed from the Chief Consta-

stamped "no action". Detective Sergeant Paul Hughes told the inquiry at Stirling of the warning after police had investigated allegations surrounding a summer camp for boys run by Hamilton at Loch Lomond in 1991.

March, a detective spoke of his more guns. The memo stated: "I request that scrious concern is givton and recommended that en to withdrawing this man's firearms certificate as a precautionary measure, as it is my opin-ion he is ... not to be trusted."

### Old-school ways return for teacher trainees

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

A national curriculum for teacher-training colleges that would squeeze out modern teaching methods is being planned by the Government, it was confirmed last night. The Secretary of State for Education, Gillian Shephard, hinted at the plan in setting out a programme of radical change while counter-attacking senior Conservatives who had tried to

undermine her. The party chairman, Brian asked the Prime Minister to bring in a right-wing junior minister under Mrs Shephard in

a July reshuffle.

Some ministers feel she has failed to put Labour on the defensive over schools.

Conservative right-wingers will approve strongly of the plan is bound to cause imme-

versities and colleges of bustions of 1900s progressive teaching methods they want to stamp out.

In future, trainee primary teachers will be taught to use whole-class teaching and phonics, and he required to attain a certain standard of basic knowledge in English, maths and science. Last night the Teacher Train-

ing Agency, course overseer, confirmed the planned overhaul and said it would ensure students and schools knew what was expected of them. Anthea Millett, the agency's chief ex-Mawhinney, is believed to have ecutive, said: "I believe that asked the Prime Minister to common attainment targets could be introduced for primary teacher training, focused on the subject knowledge and teaching skills required by teachers.

Although full details will not plan is bound to cause imme-diate outrage among teacher new plan for teacher training, to be announced next week. trainers, who guard their free-They have long seen the uni- dom fiercely. It will probably

and be fought over fiercely in Parliament, particularly in the House of Lords, where many former vice-chancellors sit.

Mrs Shephard yesterday set out a timetable for education changes stretching into autumn. m an attempt to reassert control of her portfolio The first, she said, would be the reform of funding for 16- to 19-yearolds' education revealed in the Independent yesterday, which will appear in the Government's third competitiveness White Paper next week.

Other changes to be an-nounced in the next few months will be outlined in an education White Paper due at the end of June. Mrs Shephard said yesterday that whole-class teaching methods being used in Barking and Dagenham, for which she has just awarded a 165,000 grant, should be booked at while the reform of teacher training

## Voucher scheme 'gimmick'

Plans to introduce vouchers for sixth formers, revealed in yesterday's Independent, were dismissed as a "gimmick" and as a potential disaster by opposition politicians vesterday. The Prime Minister, asked in the Commons about the planned manifesto declined to

A White Paper to be pub-lished next week will announce payment by results for school sixth forms, a move which will pave the way for vouchers to be introduced after the general election. The change would hring school funding into line

Alun Michael, Labour MP Mrs Shephard by the Tory right or Cardiff South and Penarth, wing, adding that it would be "a for Cardiff South and Penarth. recipe for disaster".
"Vouchers will spell choos in asked John Major, during Prime Minister's Questions, to join with the Secretary of State for Education in rejecting the idea

into accepting it by Cabinet right-wingers, backed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke. Mr Major did not respond to the comment, choosing instead to reject allegations that the Conservative Party chairman

wanted Mrs Shephard to be Labour's further and higher 19-year-olds for their education. scheme had been foisted on and inadequate." he said.

16-19 education. There is al-teady a ruthlessly competitive of sixth form vouchers". Mrs marketolace and this will only Shephard had resisted the make things worse. It is not about choice for students - it is scheme but was manocuvred simply right-wing dogma." he

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said the plan was designed to draw attention away from a crisis in sixth-form funding.

The nursery voncher scheme has barely had time to fail before the Government is desperately introducing anothwith colleges, thus allowing cducation spokesman, Bryan or voucher scheme which is healing. Rosemary learnt that vouchers to be issued to all 16. Davies, also claimed that the equally ill thought-out, rushed being open to the spirit meant

#### Top cleric admits he beat wife

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

One of the two special evangelists on the staff of Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, spent a decade in a violent marriage, it emerged yesterday. Canon Michael Green, one of the Church of England's two Archbishops' Advisers for Evangelism, told the Church Times: "There may have been an incident of having a go at each other. But what marriage doesn't have that?"

However, his wife, Rose-mary, told the Anglican Journal in Canada that she had broken his tooth and he had blacked her eye. He also admitted to the same paper: "There was vio-leace there. It would be precipitated. I would not initiate hut I would respond to it. I shouldn't have done that."

Mrs Green now works as a Christian counsellor and is much in demand, according to her husband, because of her openness. The couple say their marriage is stronger than ever. Indeed, she tells stories from it to groups who come for spiritual guidance. Neither partner could be reached for comment yesterday.
The couple's troubles came

to a head while he was a highprofile evangelical rector at St Aldate's, Oxford, in the Eighties, after a spiritual experience. which they described as an encounter with the Holy Spirit, After his spell at Oxford he went to Vancouver, before being chosen in 1990 by Dr Carcy to advise him on the Church's

Decade of Evangelism. Canon Green told the Anglican Journal: "Rosemary had at that time a very violent temper which came from deep within and that's part of the digging up a lot of mud."

of the Lancet medical journal says. Glenda Cooper

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Drug-taking: As prices plummet pill-popping has become an everyday activity in the comfort of home

## Ecstasy enters the front room

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The price of ecstasy has dropped to as little as £5 a tablet which is helping create a new breed of habitual drug takers who have simmed night clubs and get high at home instead.

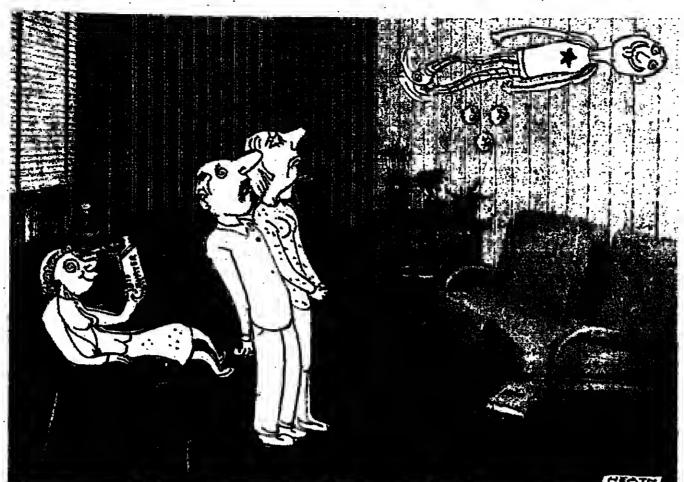
The slump in the cost of the drug has been caused by dealers flooding the market with high quality tablets from Europe, particularly Holland. Drug agencies have noticed that because of the easy availability and low cost of ecstasy an increasing number of people appear to be taking tablets during the week rather than reserving them for dance elabs at

Teenagers as young as 13 and 14 who cannot afford or are unable to get into night clubs, are amoog the oew group of "couch potato" home users. Older takers of ecstasy - people in their 30s and 40s - tired of the club scene are also popping pills with friends in their front room.

Ecstasy prices have been dropping ever since it was first introduced into the rave dance scene in Britain in the late 1980s. From an average street price of £20 a tablet in 1991 it has fallen to £15 in 1992/93, £12 in 1994, £10 in 1995, and £8 this year, according to the Manchester based drugs agency Lifeline. When booght in batches of 10 the each tablet can cost as little as £5 each, although usually they cost a few pounds

Mike Linnell of Lifeline said: "People are no longer waiting for the weekends, they are taking an E before they settle down to

Brookside. The ritual of taking them at



"Your mother wants to know if you're coming down for tea, son?

raves has gone now. People don't see them as anything special anymore.

"If you're paying as little as £5 for a table! it's far cheaper than

He added: "There's more of it about - there's a big market - and dealers have such an easy time they

can afford to drop the prices." Drug users have reported that alcohol to get out of your mind." there is more pure ecstasy -

drugs and had little or a bad effect oo the drug taker.

Receot research by Lifeline people are believed to take costaelubs. Plus I'm broke."

MDMA - available now. Previ-

made or were mixed with other

north London, the highs she used

to get from ecstasy are no longer

"You don't know what yon're

getting these days ... I could be

Her fears over the declining

quality of the drug on sale in clubs and the recent deaths of some young people, including Leah

Betts, reflect a growing sense of

Caution among many ecstasy users.

worker, has decided not to take

any more chances and no looger

takes the drug. "I didn't have a bad

trip as such, but the after effects

just don't make it worth it any

more. You don't get depressed like

But Kelly, a housing association

worth the risk.

dead," she said.

and a music magazine found that it was not unusual for people to ously the tablets were often badly be taking 100 to 200 tablets a year. or four every week.

Between 500,000 and 1 millioo

sy every week, although there are no official figures available. Most tablets are still taken in clubs and at races. There has been in clubs and at raves. There has been growing concern about the potential side effects of the drug, particulary since the death last November of Leah Betts, who collapsed after taking costasy at her 18th birthday party.

Carlo Pace, a drug worker at the Newham Drugs Advice Pro-ject, in east London, confirmed that in the past few months the price of eestasy had dropped to as little as £7, although tablets cost about double that in clubs.

"There's definitely more around - probably from Holland and Belgium - and there's many youngsters taking it every day, al-though the weekends are still the most popular."
He added that there were now more dealers who had well or-

ganised oetworks of distribution. Release, the national drug and legal advice helpline, regularly get calls from ecstasy users taking tablets at home. A small oumber of calls from people in Plymouth, Portsmouth, and the north-west of England have been from people who are taking the drug every day.

Claire Robbins, a drugs adviser at Release, said: "We also get calls from 14- and 15-year-olds who take ecstasy at home because they can't afford to go out, and from people in their 40s who are fed up with the club scene."

Kerry, 36, an eestacy taker, re-ceotly had several friends come to her house to take eestacy. She said: "Taking them in clubs is not so popular, it's partly a snobbish thing - everyone, even people in Essex, takes them now, I'm also getting older and have a child so I can't be bothered to go to

It was endorsed more eothusi-

astically by Greg, 27, a book-seller from Clapham, sooth

London: "I had my first trip in

1990 and it was brilliant. You feel

eupboric and can almost feel the

sometimes it just makes you want

All three agreed that ecstasy ex-

periences depended upon where

they got the drug from. Kelly said:

have explained why it was bad."

"I bought mine in a club which may

Greg and Ian both said that the

best place to get the drug was from

"The trips can vary though and

music washing over you.

## Pre-pack cups alter image of eucharist

ANDREW BROWN Religious Affairs Correspondent

Take, cat, for this is my body. hygienically wrapped in indi-vidual portioo-sized, trademarked plastic cups. An American company could make a fortune distributing pre-packaged communion sets, containing wine and individual wafers sealed in transparent containers rather like those with individual portions of

butter or jam in hotels English Christians reacted with incredulity vesterday to the news that the Compak Corporation, of Chicago, is already selling 25 million sets a month of their "celebration cups",
"I think his disgusting, but I
can't say why," said the Archdeacon of York, the Venerable George Austin, one of the Church of England's leading traditionalists,
Jim Johnson, the president of

Compak, said: "I think this is more revereot than ordinary means, since the Bible endors es cleanliness."



Referring to the occasion oo which Jesus fed a crowd by the miraculous multiplication of loaves and fishes. Mr Johnson added: "Just look at the feeding of the 5,000: that had to be fast food, so we're in good

However, the eucharist commemorates a different meal. the Last Supper, when Jesus "took the bread and broke it impossible when both bread and wine come pre-packaged m

individual portions. Monsignor Kieron Conry, a spokesman for the Catholic Media Office, said: "The eucharist is an action, not a thing; and it is a community celebration, not a personal one. This packaging makes that impossible."

Mr Johnsoo, however, remains sanguine. "There's been an incredible response so far, but there are 2.2 billion Christians in the world, so we have only just scratched the surface," he told the Church Times.

## A big business that took Dangers fail to halt rise of off on the dance floor

Ecstasy is big business, not just for drug dealers, but also authors, Tshirt manufacturers, record producers and night-club owners, writes Jason Bennetto, The culture that has sprung up around the drug since it hit the British dance scene in the late 1980s has been skilfuly mastered to become a multi-millioo pound industry.

Witness the success of the new novel Ecstasy by Irvine Welsh, author of the cult book Thiinspotting, latterly a film. Despite poor reviews, it is in the number-one spot in the paperback fiction best-selllist after selling 15,000 co in its first week.

There has also been a rash of books about ecstasy which include tips on how to get the best out of your drugs. Added to that are the numerous records aimed at the eestasy rave and dance market.

MDMA was invented in 1912 by Merck, a German company, but no medical or commercial uses were found for it, although in 1953

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Cover story: Irvine Welsh's trip into the world of ecstasy

the US Army tested it to see whether is could be used to dis-

orientate enemy troops. In the mid-Sinties its psychedelic effects were recognised and Adam, as it was then called, be-

love drug". Once it became popular among the general population it was banned in the USA in For Kelly, a 24-year-old from 1985. British dance clubs adopted it in 1988, spawning the worldwide rave culture, which involved trance dancing at mass outdoor

Despite the decline in the popularity of raves, prompted by laws to outlaw mass gatherings, taking ecstasy has become an established part of life for thousands of people in Britain.

Its influence is particularly acute in the music, clothes and litestyle of young club-goers

There is also an important, less visible market of drug-takers who are looking for cheap, readily available and relatively safe narcotics to take at home with friends. With falling prices and more rehable quality, this is likely to be a boom area, something which dealers are exploiting.

on LSD but your kidneys and back ache for days afterwards. "It made me tired and listless for ages afterwards, and it can destroy

Beauty and the beast: The strips of ecstacy pills (left and right) show the designs for the drug that are part of the rave culture



Leah Betts: More caution

ecstasy was enjoyable but over-

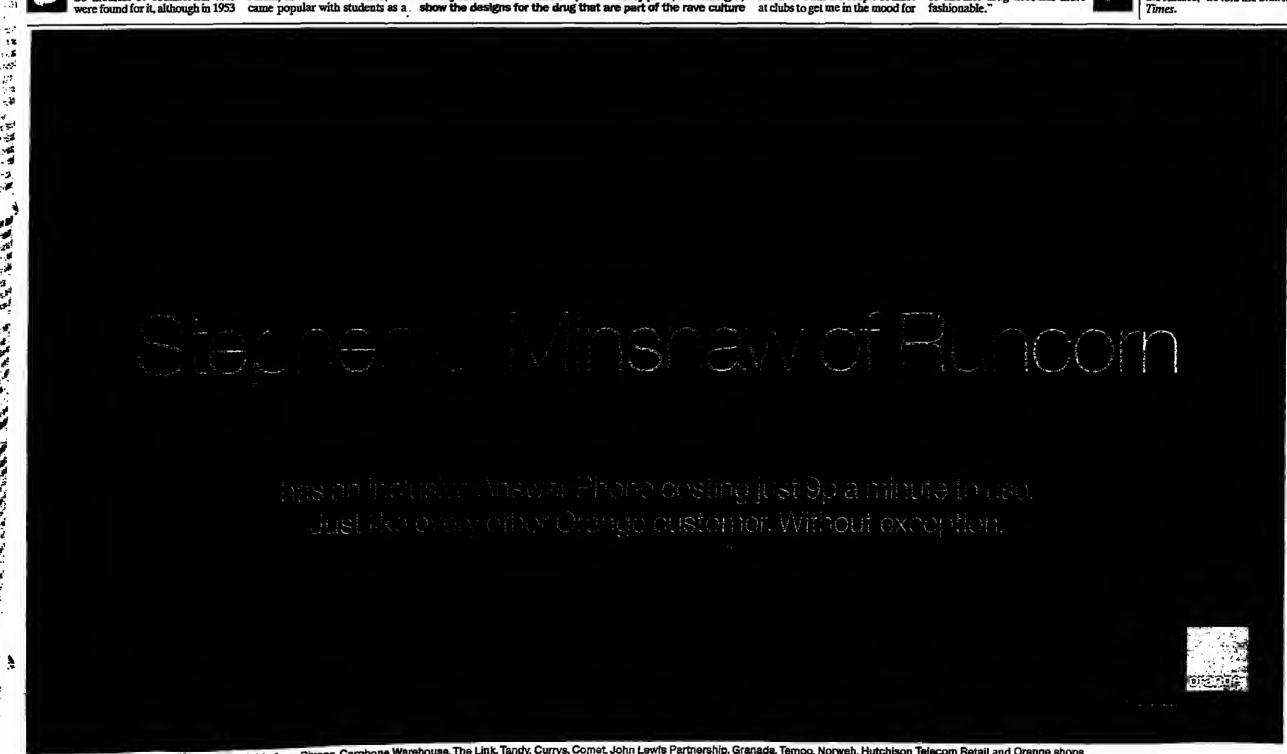


among users since her death

your free time because you don't have energy to do anything else." Ian, a 19-year-old student from Islington, north London, thought rated. Twe had it a couple of times

But despite the caution there are no signs of a drop in the pop-ularity of the drug. Greg said: "It's so popular oow and it will remain so until either the music changes or another drug becomes more at clubs to get me in the mood for fashionable."

enjoyable."



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## Dismay at disabled 'cheated' of £10,000

NICHOLAS TIMMINS and CHRIS BLACKHURST

Some of the poorest people in the country may have died being owed £10,000 or more by the Department of Social Security. The blunder was the result of

the department's failure to identify them, the Commons Public Accounts Committee said vesterday.

The committee made a damning attack on the department's inaction over fraud. inability to predict and control its hudget and levels of underpayment and overpayment of benefit. It said it was "dismayed" that some of those entitled to a severe-disability premium might have died before receiv-

ing arrears worth up to £12,500. An error dating back to 1988, in which officials failed to identify those entitled to benefits although they were on other disability benefits - led to 24,000 people losing £90m.

The department discovered the error in 1992. The comceptable that it then mok three years to rectify the errors. Past dormant claims still have to be examined to see if they are entitled to the cash.

Alan Williams, a Labour member of the committee, said people had died in poverty when large sums were owed to them. To deprive them of their money, he said, was "sordid and singularly despicable. Mr Williams said: "Ministers have deprived the poorest people in Britain of about £200m".

He cited a parliamentary answer from the DSS "that there are no plans to take any specific steps in respect of cus-tomers now deceased" as regrettable. Mr Williams said the department was under a duty to rectify the mistake, whether the claimant was alive, or had since died. Their carers should be entitled to the cash, he said.

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the department of Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security, for overspending for the third year running. It said it was "dismayed" at the errors in the level of income-support payments. Errors totalled £848m, more than 5 per cent of the amount spent on income support. This "extraordinarily high" figure includes £546 in overpayments and £183m in

The committee warms the department that the "step change" in efficiency it is seeking "must not put accuracy at risk or lead to even worse error

underpayments.

One computer error has led to more than £2.25m in overpayments being lost, because the department had no right to claim the money back.
The MPs are "deeply con-

support alone, is so high".

thorities pay to refer patients to a centre of excellence, some parents have to fight for their child to see the appropriate expert. The problems of finding the right medical specialist were raised by the family support cerned that the level of fraud. charity, Contact a Family, as it an estimated £1.4bn on income

Louise Jury.

tablish the level of fraud in other

areas. The committee made its

criticisms the day after Mr Lil-

ley had turned down the rec-ommendations of the Social

Security Committee for tight-

ening up housing-benefit fraud.

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■ Health service reforms have

made it more difficult for some

children with rare illnesses to get

the right treatment, it was

claimed yesterday, writes

those affected by rare diseases.

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## **Newbury contractor** risks protesters' fury

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

It seems like the road contract from hell. But Costain, the engineering and huilding company, is prepared to endure the wrath of protesters to gain its biggest-ever roads contract, the 73.8m Newbury by-pass.

Within minutes of the announcement in Parliament that Costain's had won the contract, 25 protesters blockaded the offices of the company in nearby Maidenhead.

Several demonstrators scaled the roof and unfurled banners saying "save the snail" and "(e)co stain".

Alan Lovell, Costain Civil Engineering's managing direc-tor, has already had demonstrators with banners on the lawn of his house near Winchester two weeks ago, when his

company emerged as the favourite to carry out the work.

Mr Lovell said that special precautions in line with advice from the police and the Highways Agency would be taken to cause there was no proper asprotect the site of the 13.5km dual carriageway by-pass during construction, which is due to start within a few weeks.

He refused to discuss his personal security arrangements but said: "It is regrettable that protesters target individuals in this way."

Mr Lovell highlighted Costain's environmental record. which he said had won the company an award for a Lyme Regis coastal protection project. though such reassurances are not likely to have an impact on the protesters. They feel that they have been

given an important boost because John Watts, the mads minister, yesterday accepted that the two sites of a rare snail. Desmoulin's whorl snail, which are on the route, have "ac-knowledged conservation value". He proposed to move the habitats to larger sites. But yesterday, Friends of the Earth immediately threatened legal

action over the snails. Charles Secrett, director of Friends of the Earth, said that it would seek a judicial review

of the decision. We have a strong case besessment of the impact of the road and the scheme ignores the Directive," he said.

Friends of the Earth suspect Costain won the contract because several of the other five shortlisted firms deliberately put in high tenders, in order to avoid battles with the protest

Lust month, Sir John Banham, of Tarmac, one of the other bidders, effectively ruled his company out by saying he wanted the environmental standards of the scheme re-appraised and improved if the company won the contract. Tarmae faced enormous controversy over the building of the M3 at Twyford Down in the early 1990s.

The Government has long argued that the by-pass is necessary because 50,000 vehicles per day use the A34 through the town, But Mr Secrett said that alternatives such as improvements to the existing roads. more bus lanes and more use of the local rail line for freight were not properly considered.

As part of Green Transport Week, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds called for a moratorium on road building on the nation's most important wildlife habitats. It said that 80 European Union's Habitats valuable sites were threatened by road schemes.

## Health service waiting times 'may lengthen'

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The National Health Service is facing its toughest time finan-cially for years with the possibility that some waiting times will lengthen, Alan Langlands, chief executive of the NHS, warned yesterday.

And while he said that the

health service was far better placed to cope than in the win-ter of 1987 - the occasion of the last great NHS financial crisis when 4,000 beds shut forcing the Government into its NHS review - he told NHS managers that "difficult choices will have to be made" in the year ahead.

Money is so tight that no new targets for cutting waiting times have been set for next year. The NHS was told formally told for the first time yesterday that meeting the demand for emer-gency care is its "first respon-sibility". While Mr Langlands said he did not think it was "inevitable at all" that waiting times would lengthen, they would "vary in different places". Managers and the NHS ex-

ecutive, however, "will want to hold on to the hard won achievements of the past few years. We don't want to lose ground", he said at the launch of next year's NHS planning guidance at the annual conference of the InstiOverstating the pressures "certute of Health Services Management in Birmingham.

We are facing the toughest year we have faced for a long time," he said. Between 1990 and 1993 the NHS had enjoyed substantial growth as the NHS reforms were introduced. Settlements in the past two years had been less gener-ous, but the service had gained from lower than expected inflation. This year growth was only 1.1 per cent in the face of rising emergency demands, a still ageing population and oth-er pressures. It would be both "tight" and "tough", he said. "There is much less room for manocuvre than we would like."

he added, warning that there were "no quick fixes" and no "hidden pot of gold" available. He promised support, however, for managers "who have

to pace developments and make the sort of trade -offs between competing priorities which may

be required in some places."
His warning follows acute pressures last winter on both emergency services and intensive care beds for adults and children. The service then had "coped remarkably well". Of the coming year, he said: "I think

Overstating the pressures "certainly at the moment" would simply get in the way of man-

aging them".

Asked if the situation was as bad as 1987, Mr Langlands, who has just had his contract as NHS chief executive extended to 2000, said: "I don't know, but we are in a completely different situation." Today's NHS was much better placed to manage

the situation creatively, he said. His comments came as James Johnson, chairman of the British Medical Association's consultants' committee told its annual conference in London that the shortage of intensive care heds had become "a national scandal" with safety margins cut to the level of "Third World medicine". He said that Stephen Dorreil, the Secretary of State for Health, had called for more beds but had not provided the one thing needed -

money to fund them. Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman, told the conference that she 'well understood" the service was facing a "severe and immediate" funding crisis. But Labour, however, would give no specific figures on its spending plans before its first Budget.

#### DAILY POEM

Something Else

By Paul Muldoon

When your lobster was lifted out of the tank to be weighed I thought of woad, of madders, of fugitive, indigo inks,

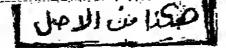
of how Nerval was given to promenade a lobster on a gossamer thread, how, when a decent interval

had passed (son front rouge encor du baiser de la reine) and his hopes of Adrienne

proved false, he hanged himself from a lamp-post with a length of chain, which made me think

of something else, then something else again.

Paul Muldoon was born in Co Armagh in 1951. He was still at Queen's University, Belfast, when Faber published his first collection of poems in 1972. His most recent collection, The Annals of Chile (1994), won the TS Ellot Memorial Prize. This poem, which first appeared in Meeting the British (1987), is taken from New Selected Poems 1968-1994 (Faber, £7.99). Paul Muldon will be giving a public reading at the Poetry Cafe. 22 Betterton Street, London WC2 on Tuesday





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## Draft notebook holds untraced Spender poems

A canvas notebook containing three apparently unpublished poems by Stephen Spender, one of the century's most famous poets, is certain to cause much excitement among scholars and collectors when it is ancconed this month.

Sir Stephen Spender died last July, an event many saw as marking the end of an era for that Oxbridge group of friends and poets who gained such fame in the Thirties: Auden, Isherwood, Day-Lewis and

His autographed poetical notebook from the Thirties, which is to be sold by Sotheby's on 28 June, is called "POEMS, July 1939" and signed "Stephen Spender". It is labelled by the poet as "Fair Copy of Poems, from July 20 1939", but the 55-page book (two leaves were cut out by Spender) is in fact a collection of late drafts and includes To the Shades, She Came to the River and another untitled poem, none of which are thought to have heen

Spender's first collection of poetry, simply entitled *Poems*, was published to huge acclaim in 1933. But many thought his finest work was to be found in his wartime volumes, Ruins and Visions (1941) and Poems of Dedication (1946).

notebook ended up in those two collections. One was The Vase of Tears, which clearly gave Spender a great deal of trouble: it is covered with deletions.

But the printer (it was published by Hamish Hamilton in

pushed to decipher the insertions

part of the collection of mod-

ern first editions gathered by

Anthony Hobson, a friend of TS Eliot, Nancy Cunard and Graham Greene, whose work he

also collected.

and crossings-out. The page dis-cussing James Joyce's Ulysses is What a poet leaves out is ofparticularly complex. One corten as interesting as what is kept rection changes Spender's state-ment that "By imagist standards, Ulysses is a poem of the last chapin, and here on one line Spender has tried out "bends", "stoops" and "arches" at the ter" to "By imagist standards, a great deal of *Uhsses* is poetry. The famous interior monologue start of the phrase before set-tling for: "Knees over pearls of salt and water/And one by one is, as we have seen, the method these tears collects". of imagist poetry ... "
The book and proofs form

He also deleted the entire first stanza of his untitled, unpublished poem, which originally read: "Doing anything and every-thing is a drug/My pen is a bit-ter root of oblivion, my thoughts/ [unreadable] cover with pictures the abyss of waiting."
But in the final version the

poem starts: "Then the meak are brought in and I ask for what/For what am I waiting?\_"

Peter Selley, the English literature expert at Sotheby's, which is to sell the book for an estimated £3,000 to £5,000, said: Spender still made quite extensive corrections in it, and there are three poems which have not been traced. It will have great appeal for collectors."

The sale also offers another Spender rarity: the corrected galley proofs - estimated at up to £500 - of The Struggle of the Modern, originally entitled The Battle of the Moderns.

The Vase of Fear.

I have what comfort of ordinariness I can, my light upon your night whose and then we smaller with caresses

Work in progress: A late draft of Spender's 'The Vase of Tears' from the poetical notebook up for auction

### New Prado head to end gallery's picture of chaos

**ELIZABETH NASH** 

A new director, Fernando Checa, has taken charge of Spain's Prado museum, one of the world's finest art collections. with a promise to bring order to its shamholic internal organisation.

He is the fifth director in six years and the eighth since the dictator Franco died 21 years ago. This staggering tally will no doubt prompt many of the thousands of Britons due to visit Madrid's top tourist attraction this summer to won-

der what has been going on. The museum, which contains the world's most extensive collection of masterpieces by Goya, Velazquez and El Greco, has been beset by a succession of intrigues, incompetence and hackstabhing that has led it to the point of crisis.

In the latest and most grotesque blunder, last March, Mr Checa's predecessor, Jose Maria Luzon, wrongly hailed as a newly discovered Goya a painting that was registered as the work of a lesser contempo-

The scandal swept Mr Luzon out of office, and revealed the damage caused by treating the museum as a political football. Mr Luzon, an archaeologist with no special knowledge of Goya, is considered to have been a grey placeman for the previous Socialist government.

A previous director, Felipe Vicente Garin, resigned in disgrace after rainwater had been found dripping into the room housing Velazquez masterpieces. Another, Alfonso Perez

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Sanchez, was sacked for signing a declaration against Spain's participation in the Gulf war. Yet another, Francisco Calvo Serraller, had to go when his wife was found to have set up a photo-feature on designer chairs in a style magazine that used the Prado's principal

rooms as a backdrop. None of the past five directors has been a qualified curator, a situation inconceivable in any comparable museum in

The appointment last month of the art historian Mr Checa, 44, a specialist in the 16th- and 17th-century royal collections that form the heart of the museum, coincides with a radical management shake-up. He will be relieved of many bureau-cratic duties that weighed upon his predecessors, and he centralises in his own hands powers that had been dispersed and had created hitter struggles

among rival mini-empires. Mr Checa told the Spanish press that curating would be a priority, and promised to increase the number of curators

from six to 11. The Prado has always had few curators by international standards: for many years it had none for Spanish art, its strongest suit.

Cataloguing the collection is another priority: amazingly, the first full catalogue in the museum's 177-year history was published only last month. . He will also concentrate on

restoring and rearranging the collection, nine-tenths of which is stored in vaults. Mr Checa plans no more big set-piece exhibitions such as

the present Goya blockbuster marking the 250th anniversary of the artist's birth, and the 1992 Velazquez exhibition. These are a hit with the public, but have been criticised in the art world as rip-offs.



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SARAH HELM and DONALD MACINTYRE

Britain will next week pursue its beef war by blocking Euro-pean Union dialogue with Syr-, at a crucial moment in the

Middle East peace process.
Farouq al-Sharwa, the Syrian foreign minister, will fly into Luxembourg on Tuesday, hoping that the EU will take a strong new role as interlocutor in the Middle East, following the election of the right-wing Likud government in Israel. Instead, Mr al-Sharwa will be

told, at a meeting of EU foreign ministers, that due to the crisis over so-called "mad cow disease", the EU cannot give a future of the Middle East.

Important meetings between the EU and Latin American leaders also look certain to be undermined. President Carlos Menem, of Argentina, and four Latin American foreign minis-ters, are flying to Luxembourg hoping to hear the EU's "common position" on a new political and economic dialogue.

However, fearing a British veto, the EU's Italian presidency has already decided that the meetings with the ministers will have no formal agenda. As a result, President Menem and the other Latin American leaders will return home without any firm conclusions on the next

stage of their association.
Political and trade agreements with Canada and Algeria could also fall victim to

British disruption oext week, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, raised hopes oo Wednesday that Britain might "de-escalate" its disruption campaign, when he announced that the Government would not hold up an EU agreemeot with Slovenia at next week's meeting. His annouocement followed a strong warning from Commission President, that unless Britain stop its blocking tactics there could be no "frame-

work" for lifting the beef ban. However, the evideoce in Brussels yesterday suggested

Until now, Britain's blocking tactics have largely affected internal European policy-making Next week however, at the first meeting of EU foreign ministers since the crisis, Britain's disruption will affect Europe's relations with the rest

of the world.
The British decision to make a concession over the EU-Slovenia agreement did not surprise European diplomats in Brussels yesterday. Britain has always supported strengthening EU ties with Slovenia as part of the long-term objective of enlarging the EU. Furthermore, by waiving the veto on the Slovenia question, Britain wins favour with the EU's Italian residency, which wants to see the delayed deal finalised.

John Major yesterday gave the clearest indication yet he did not expect the EU to give a firm timetable for total lifting of the EU beef han as ministers continued to talks up hopes of a deal with Britain's European partners before the Florence summit on 21 June. Mr Rifkind also continued to send out optimistic signals on the prospects for reaching a deal to end the beef crisis with the EU amid strong signs of Tory backbench opposition to any "sell out."

The Cabinet was told yesterday that 17 June - when EU foreign ministers gather in Rome for a pre-summit meeting - provided the best chance of securing a "framework" for lifting the EU beef ban.

The hopeful noises from Whitehall came despite a clear indication by President Jacques Chirac in talks with Mr Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, Minister of Agriculture, that he would prefer Britain to lift its policy of non-cooperation with EU business as a preliminary to talks oo promising the ban. But he promised that the new dossier on Britain's examined in detail.

But there were private warnings from some Euro-sceptic backbenchers yesterday that they would be deeply disin-clined to support a fudge.



Raging bull: A stockman gets to grips with his own beef crisis at the South of England Show, West Sussex, yesterday

## Lamont's beef in character for Cook

STEPHEN GOODWIN Parliamentary Correspondent

Rohin Cook had scarcely coined his description of the Conservative Party as "refashioning itself as an English Nationalist Party" when up bobbed Norman Lamoot in the Commons invoking the defeat of Napoleon as a lesson for solving the beef crisis.

Mr Cook, in speech yesterday to the Royal Institution of In-ternational Affairs, had tried to turn the debate on Europe to how Britain would win the peace after the current disruptioo was over. But while affairs echoed the concerns of the CBI about the risk to jobs and the economy from non-co-operation, Mr Lamont, the former Tory Chancellor, was cheered by Euro-sceptics for an

captain of industry.
At a CBI gatbering on Wednesday, Niall Fitzgerald, chairman designate of Unilever, said that if the crisis cootinued. it would harm trade with Europe. But Mr Lamont, at Question Time, recalled that during the Napoleonic wars, Samuel Whitbread was always predicting defeat and urging the Government to negotiate with Napoleon. He told the Prime Minister to "ignore the successors to Samuel Whitbread in the CBI who want to throw in the towel ... and tell the chairman of Unilever to stick to cream

Mr Cook told the RIIA it was by no means clear that the Conservative government could now find any other form of relationship with Europe other trend with within cootinental than confrontation. "We curpolitics. The Conservative Par-

Old Labour-style rant against a captain of industry.

At a CBI gathering on Wednesday, Niall Fitzgerald, whether Conservative backhenchers will now allow their Government to revert to any other style of diplomacy towards Europe." It was vital that Britain obtained a lifting of the beef ban, but equally vital that Britain then drew a line under the confrootation of recent

weeks, Mr Cook said. Labour's "qualified support" for the Government's strategy would continue, he said, but the power of veto should not be applied "mindlessly" - action against fraud and aid to develbeen blocked - and nor should ministers act for party advantage. Mr Cook said social democracy remained the largest cohesion, but the Tories today looked to the New Right of America for political inspiration. "It is a twinning arrangement fostered by the American proprietorship of the oewspapers which most avidly egg on the hostility of the Euro-

phobes.1 Labour was able to offer Britain a more successful relationship with Europe because it was at home with the European social model, the shadow foreign secretary said. Enlargeent of the EU and iobs wer

the party's two first priorities. The third was constructing a Europe which better connected with concerns of people dealing with pollution, transferring power down to the

tant that politicians took seriously the questions arising at the Inter-Governmental Conference, but they should oot imagine there was mass interest in the arithmetic of qualified majority voting.
"There is a danger that the

debate in Brussels could disappear into orbit round the lonely planets of the European Institutions, appearing increasingly out of touch with the coocerns of people on the ground," he cautioned.

Portillo's guests upset top brass

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The knives were out again for Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defeore, who was forced yesterday to apologise for a noisy party in his office which disturbed spectators during a military display by the Household Cavalry.

Mr Portillo's office overlooks Horse Guards Parade, and ministers usually hold parties so that their guests can watch, but members of the public attending the ceremony on Wednesday night complained about disruption from rancous voices" and "loud laughter" through the open windows.

There was "a request that the people standing near the window keep their voices down and the request was complied with" a spokeswoman for Mr Portillo said. "He is very sorry that anyhody was disturbed. He did

something about it right away." But Mr Portillo's supporters said they thought the story was wildly exaggerated and was being used by his political opponents, or by those in the armed forces who did not like his Tory conference speech last year, in which he invaked the eputation of the SAS.

Mr Portillo was overtaken in Mari opinion poll this week by Juhn Redwood, the former Secretary of State for Wales, as the leading right-wing con-tender for the Conservative Party leadership if Labour wins the next election.

He was also the victim earlier this year of unfounded suggestions that he wanted to sell off the historic Admiralty Arch connecting Trafalgar Square to the Mall. It was reported that John Major had slapped him down before it emerged that the property had been handed over to the Department of the Environmeni some time before.

The London Evening Standard yesterday quoted an uonamed "former Guards officer" as saying that Mr Portillo's party "utterly ruined an emotional and stirring occasion which a lot of people had come to see. You would think Portillo would know better". A source close to Mr Portillo said: "When you are a politician there are always people trying to do you down. He can cope with it."

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#### Labour doubts over £3bn levy

JOHN RENTOUL

Doubt was cast yesterday by a Labour frontbench spokesman on plans by Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, to impose a £3bn windfall levy on the profits of privatised utilities.

Kim Howells, the party's

spokesman on competition policy, said the idea of the windfall tax was "a difficult one", and that the utilities "bave got a good point" when they complain that it would put up their prices. But he told the BBC's Today programme: "I'm sure that Gordon Brown is going to work out a way of mak-ing that tax work."

A spokesman for Mr Brown dismissed claims that the policy was in question, and point-ed out that he might increase the levy to penalise the utilities for their poor investment record. The windfall levy would be the most important source of funds available to an incoming Labour administration, paying

for a fibn jobs programme.

Dr Howells was speaking after he sparked controversy with a call - approved in with a can - approved in advance by Labour leader Tony Blair - for the Labour Party to "get real" and "embrace competition". Writing in today's New Statesman, Dr Howells said the way to get a "lost generation" of witing necole back eration" of young people back to work was to "get serious about helping companies in Britain to become more competitive and innovative ... It is companies which succeed or

fail in business, not countries".

Dr Howells, MP for Pontypridd, yesterday denied his
ideas would bring him into conflict with Margaret Beckett, Labour's trade and industry spokeswoman. "I think she un-derstands as well as anybody that if British industry cannot compete, we ain't going to have any jobs," he said.

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## cancer cluster inquiry

LIZ HUNT

A team of cancer experts is to investigate a rare leukaemia cinster in Camelford, in Cornwall, where eight years ago water supplies to 20,000 people were contaminated with alu-

The doctors will try to reas-The doctors will try to reas-sure the local community that the contamination, linked with a wide range of health problems in the town, is not to hlame for three teenagers in the same class developing leukaemia.

A 14-year-old boy died in January, and a 13-year-old girl and another 14-year-old boy are receiving chemotherapy for the disease. They are members of the same tutor group at St James Smith's Secondary School, in Camelford.

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health Authority tast month promised an independent inquiry into the cases and four leading scientists attended a meeting with 100 parents, pupils and staff to report the results of preliminary inquiries. Dr David Miles, director of public health for the authority, said at the time that the cluster was "remarkably unusual".

Professor Ray Cartwright, director of the Leukaemia Research Fund and Professor of Epidemiology at Oxford University, told the meeting that the Camelford cluster was rare but not unique, and he warned that investigations into other clusters worldwide often failed to provide satisfactory explanations.

The inquiry team would be following several possible lines of investigation. Professor Cartwright said, one of which was the contamination incident in 1988, when 20 tons of aluminium sulphate were poured into the wrong tank at a water treatment centre.

Professor Cartwright said the team would review the substances which occurred in the water supply. "We do not think there is anything in the water which could cause leukaemia, but we will review it just in case."

He said the team would also study data on the health of the local population, which has been carefully monitored in the aftermath of the aluminium incident.

Cornish Football hooliganism: Psychologists warn players' rowdiness and beef war raising antagonism



## Euro 96 'heading for violence'

TV rivals pitch bids to win Premier League rights

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Reports that members of the England football team allegedly caused criminal damage on a Cathay Pacific jet might feed crowd violence at Euro 96 games, psychologists warned

yesterday.
On the eve of Britain's most prestigious sports event for 30. years, the psychologists warned that, for a tiny minority, recent events - including the "beef war", with its anti-European overtones - would bolster "their idea of what it means to be British", with potentially disas-

by Malcolm George, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, who is charged with policing Euro 96. The allegations of criminal

PATRICK TOOHER

Amid the peace and tranquil-

lity of Coombe Abbey, a former

Cistercian retreat outside

Coventry dating back to the 11th

century, some of the most for-.

midable deal-makers in the

land gathered yesterday to

thrash out a new contract for the

right to televise Premier League

The Cathay Pacific allega-tions would also "influence the mechanisms" of part of the football crowd, he said. Dr Reicher also attacked trous consequences.

Their comments strengthen criticisms of the England team coverage of the championship which, he said, had concentrated on the "hooligan perspective and invading hordes" who could

"To focus in an unbalanced way on the hooligan element is dangerous," he said. "It might alienate those [in the crowd] damage on the Cathay Pacific

tronics group Amstrad and

chairman of Tottenham Hotspur

Football Club, Mr Sugar turned

up in a distinctive dark blue

Rolls-Royce bearing the per-

sonalised number plate AMS 1.

Hall, boss of Premier League

runners-up Newcastle United, rolled up in a chauffeur-driven

Not to be out-done Sir John

wreck the event.

has produced."

said earlier this week. Dr Stephen Reicher, a senior

lecturer in psychology at Exeter

University and a specialist in

crowd behaviour, said yesterday.

"We are going to war over beef semen ... and there is one sec-tor that will gain from the xeno-phobic and racist commentary

flight as the England players re-turned from a recent Far East who are against conflict and per-suade them to side with those tour "did not belp" his role in who are in conflict." heading off hooliganism, he

The perception of crowds as "mad mobs" where individuals lost all sense of identity and control was wrong. Dr Reicher said; being part of a crowd could serve to restrain individuals with violent tendencies.

Dr Gerry Finn, a reader in the department of educational studies at Strathelyde University who has researched football and football crowds, urged Euro 96 fans to adopt the "carniva-lesque" style of support pioneered by supporters of Scotland after criticism of their less than frivolous behaviour in

"Carnivalesque fans are in-clusive in their approach to others and attempt to involve opposition fans and local residents in boisterous, friendly exchange," he said. "Scottish fans are believed to

moguls descended on the

In particular, attention cen-

tred on Sam Chisholm, chief

executive of BSkyB, and his for-

mer colleague and former Sun

editor Kelvin MacKenzie, chief

negotiator for the rival Mirror/Carlton consortium. The two men have been on frosty

mediaeval manor.

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It is important to recognise the potential for change amongst football fans."

Police yesterday arrested two suspected football hooligans as part of a continuing operation designed to prevent vio-lence at Euro 96. The arrests followed the release by police on Tuesday of photographs de-picting six suspects wanted in connection with violence at an Arsenal-Spurs game in April.

The men arrested yesterday were two of those pictured. They were detained in Upminster, east London, and in Chichester, West Sussex, and taken to Holloway police station in north London for questioning.

Another of the six men surrendered himself earlier in the

week. The pictures were released as police arrested six people in dawn raids in Essex and

by insiders as monumental. Yesterday the 20 Premier

League chairmen assembled to

discuss a new television contract

had the dubious pleasure of sit-

ting through a one-hour "beau-

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The current five-year deal

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British sport.

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the price tag for exclusive rights

has been boosted to about three

times that amount by the

prospect of broadcasting match-

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Club chairmen and the Pre-

mier League were tight-lipped as the presentations continued, but it is believed that the three

hidders have offered between

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Bad example: Ranger Duncan Ferguson butting Raith
Leading article, page 11 Rover John McStay in 1994 Photograph: Craig Haikett

for the rights for the next to

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#### Karpov defence finally opens WILLIAM HARTSTON Chess Correspondent

A year overdue, the 1995 Fide world chess championship match between Anatoly Karpov and Gata Kamsky started yes-

terday. Not in New York, where Garry Kaspariw, champion of the rival Professional Chess Association, successfully defended his title last year. Not in Montreal, where Fide had confidently expected the match to be held until the Canadians failed to come up with the money, Not even in Baghdad, which Fide designated as the of-ficial venue when Montreal tell through, but in Etista, a city roughly the size of Slough, that is the capital of the semi-autonomous sheep-rich state of Kalmykia in southern Russia. Since Kasparoe and the British player Nigel Short staged their dramatic breakaway from the International Chess Federation, Fide, in 1993, to form the PCA, the continuing

ted to discontent among po-tential sponsors. After one world title evele with the PCA, the computer thip manufacturer Intel has ceased its support, while Fide, as this long-postponed event has shown, has had even greater

schism within world chess has

problems. At the beginning of this year Fide elected a new president. Kirsan Ilrumjinov, by all accounts one of the richest men in Russia, would lead the organisation out of the intermit-tent crises that had dogged the organisation under its previous administration. Quite apart from his riches, his love of chess, and his obvious energy. llyumjinov was a man of considerable influence, being himself a head of state - the state of Kalmykia.

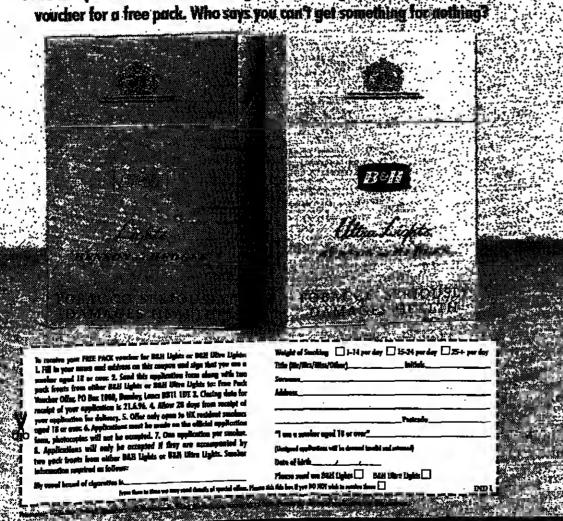
And so the players have arrived in Kalmykia. Anatoly Karpov, 45, the undisputed world champion from 1975 un-til 1985, and the Fide champi-on since 1993, faces Gata Kamsky, 22, who defected eight years ago from the USSR to the United States.

The match will be over 20 games and is expected to last until the middle of next month.

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Yilmaz: Resigned after losing power struggle with Ciller

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The Turkish government of Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz collapsed vesterday after three months of administrative paralysis, squabbling over corruption and abject failure in its principal goal of blocking the rise of the pro-Islamic Welfare Party.

The centre-right minority coalition between Motherland Party of Mr Yilmaz and Tansu Ciller's True Path Party was cobbled together in March under pressure from those who fear the Welfare Party most, a sec-

a coalition protocol for a rotating premiership, the two youthful leaders competing for the future captaincy of Turkey's sinking centre-right could not overcome a personal rivalry that borders on hatred.

was stubbornly convinced he could force Mrs Ciller's party to dump her by deploying allega-tions of corruption, including a parliamentary investigation into her great wealth. But he reck-

ernment, and when that warnby July 21, then the president ing move failed, simply joined must call new elections. the Welfare Party in agreeing to a vote of no-confidence that was to be held on Saturday.
Finding himself out-flanked,

Mr Yilmaz found a pretext, The slow-witted Mr Yilmaz a court annulment of the government's original vote of confidence which he had previously dismissed, to hand his resignation yesterday to President Suleyman Demirel.

The Yilmaz administration

If the government is not formed

Turkish markets reacted mildly to the situation. Private business has largely shrugged off political turmoil that dates back to September, even though there are some signs of economic slowdown and a hesitation by foreigners to invest. Uncertainty arises over whether there will be a Welfare Party element in the next government,

that Turkey was moving to-wards an "Italian-type democracy" as if that was something desirable - has also helped the wily and quietly ruthless President Demirel become a central

player in Ankara. But eyes are mostly on Welfare Party leader Necmettin Erbakan, 70, who should be asked to try to form a government first. Welfare controls the largest bloc of seats in parliament, having come first with 22 per cent of the vote in the

municipalities in question. Mr Yilmaz's share dropped by five percentage points to 21 per-cent and Mrs Ciller's by four to

12 per cent. Mr Erbakan is calling for a grand right-wing alliance with both Mr Yilmaz and Mrs Ciller. To look more presentable, he seems determined to rein in his anti-semitism, his dream of an Islamic common market led by Turkey and his deeply held be-

Party was cummitted to democracy, not to changing the way people dressed, are or drank. He promised not to take Turkey out of NATO, that he would stick with the Customs Union with Europe and that he would consult with the Turkish military about the future of the allied air force that protects the Kurds of northern Iraq from President Saddam Hussein

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## Likud victory gives settlers green light

In the wake of the Israeli election, Jewish settlers have started to take over houses in Palestinian districts in Jerusalem and Hebron. Within hours of the victory of Binyamin Netanyahu, the leader of the right-wing Likud party, a house in the Palestinian village of Silwan was occu-

pied by militant settlers. "They came on Thursday and took over the house," said Riyad Ghuzlan, a Palestinian journalist who lives on the other side of the road. Eviction notices were served on the same day to 10 other Palestinian families in Silwan, long the tar-get of religious settlers because it occupies the site of the ancient city of Jerusalem conquered by

King David.
The speed of the action by the settlers, who took over no houses for four years under the Labour government, indicates that they now believe that they can move safely into Palestin-ian areas. In Hebron, settlers this week took over a huilding housing a Turkish bath, which their spokesman said had been Jewish property before a massacre of Jews in the city in 1929.

The expansion of Jewish settiements on the West Bank under Likud is the development who held a rally to celebrate his election, Mr Netanyahu expressed "appreciation for your Zionist and pioneering work" know about their house being sold is when settlers arrive at

Palestinians are being forced from their homes, writes **Patrick Cockburn** in Jerusalem

and concluded: "Be strong and

In Silwan, the resumption of takeovers by settlers since the election is generating deep fears among Palestinians. Mr Ghuzlan says he has been fighting a legal battle to keep his house "since 1987 when we received a letter telling us that we had 30 days to leave our home". Khalil Juda is one of those who received an eviction notice last Thursday, People from the district surrounded his house until a lawyer got an injunction giving the family 21 days to

The takeover of houses in Silwan is being orchestrated by Elad, a militant Jewish organisation, which wants the land because it is the site of the City of David, destroyed by the Baby-lonlans in the 6th century BC. Its leader, David Be'eri, said: "In the last four years we have continued to buy houses from the Arabs." He would not say most likely to torpedo hopes of preserving the Oslo accords. In a message to settlers in Hebron, to make a noise about it."

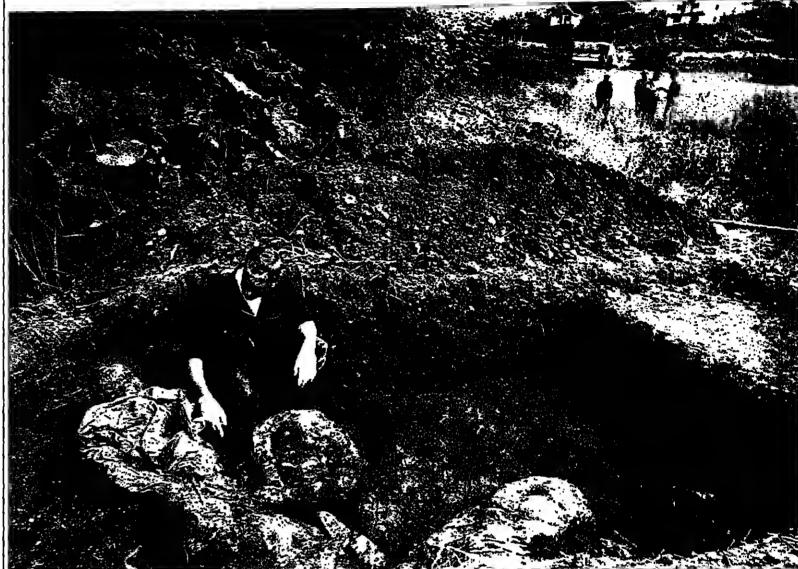
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lawyer for Ir Shalem, a section of Peace Now which specialises in holding back settlers in Jerusalem, says the money used was illegally obtained from the last Likud government. He points to the Klugman report, an official Israeli investigation which says that General Ariel Sharon, then housing minister, orchestrated the financing of the settlement drive. Mr Sei-dman says: "The settler organisations still have tens of milions of dollars left from what

they received then."
The Klugman report concluded that many Palestinian properties had either been obtained illegally by settlers or by quasi-legal means by the government, using tainted evi-dence. Despite its finding, the Labour government decided not to act against Elad or its sister organisation, Ateret Kohanim (Crown of the Priests).

The result of the last settlement drive is that the Old City of Jerusalem and Silwan are dotted with heavily-fortified buildings held by settlers. They are easily identified by their harbed wire fences, hlue and white Israeli flags and armed guards paid for by the govern-

■ The Syrian president invited the less of Egypt and Saudi Arabia to a summit in Damascus today, to discuss Middle East peace prospects after Mr Netanyahu's election victory, AP in Damascus reports. Scientists discover chilling evidence of crimes committed in darkest days of Bosnian war



Unearthing the truth; US forensic scientist John Gerns examines a corpse found in a mass grave at Bacici, Bosnia, yesterday. The grave, thought to contain the bodies of up to 2,700 Muslims, was identified by satellite photographs, Survivors testify that Bosnian Serb forces massacred at least

3,000 mostly unarmed Muslim men after taking the UN-protected enclave of Srebrenica in July 1995. Many were apparently buried en masse after execution in one of the most brutal episodes in the 43-month ethnic war, possibly the worst since the Nazi Holocaust Photograph: Nikola Solic

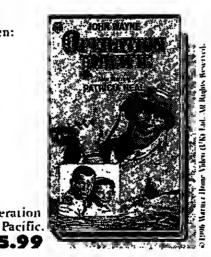
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**Christopher Bellamy** reports on tougher Britain is planning to increase to 22 per cent its share of the

total world arms trade by the end of the century, capitalising on the disintegration of the former Soviet Union. It wants Franco-German arms agency, as to maintain its arms exports at their present value of about £5hn a year through its in-creasing share of a shrinking proposed by the Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Portillo, last week.

The United States, Britain and France are the three main arms exporters in the world, accounting for 90 per cent of all the new defence equipment, although Charles Masefield, the head of the Defence Export Sales Organisation does not believe that position will be sustained. Russia has committed itself to regaining some of and France will. the sales of the former Soviet Union, and east Asian countries, particularly Japan, may soon have the potential to challenge

the traditional arms exporters. The British and French arms industries are each about a third of that of the US, so their ing to transfer technology and increased collaboration could let other countries produce

competition in a shrinking market have an impact on US exports. their designs under licence. So could Britain joining the The US arms industry employs

In some areas, the Europeans are gaining ground against the US. Although the US can produce more advanced armaments more cheaply, it is losing out because it will not allow countries in the Middle East and the Pacific rim - the two main arms-purchasing areas to have the most up-to-date equipment, whereas Britain

But the purchase of readymade arms is being supplanted by the sale of know-how and "dual use" technologies which can be applied to military or civilian products. The Europeans are also more will-

about 800,000 people directly and a similar number indirect ly. Britain and France each employ 230,000 directly and the same number indirectly. The shares of the global arms market are comparable: between 1990 and 1994 the US received export orders totalling \$116hn (£77bn) as against \$40bn for the UK and \$39hn for France. Britain provides 19 per cent of the world's arms exports. Its target is 22 per cent by 2000. Russia recently set itself a target of reviving arms exports to \$5bn a

Mr Masefield says the Middle East will remain the largest market for Western arms for the next five to 10 years. Meanwhile, the Asia-Pacific region will increase in importance. This has led to concern that there could be trouble in a region under-

going rapid industrial growth which could pay for an unrestricted arms huild up, and where there are many flash points but no regional security structures comparable with

those in Europe.

According to a new study by the Saferworld foundation on the transfer of arms and military technology to east Asia, the "new-found wealth and buoyant trade" in the area has placed a stress on maritime forces to patrol supply routes and protect natural resources. A feature of the arms market on the Pacific rim is the role of technology transfer in building up the economies in general and defence industries in particular.

Most arms sales revenue does not come not from the sale of equipment but from contracts to maintain and support it. Mr Masefield said. For this reason, purchasers are expected to be reluctant to huy Russian arms. After sales service is seen as unreliable because of the country's

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## Lukewarm applause for a man out of Time

PHIL REEVES Kazan, Tatarstan

The hall was ready. The crimson roses were on the podium. The crowds, mostly students, teachers, and pensioners, were cramming the aisles. All that was missing was the star attraction, Mikhail Gorbachev. Then, just before he swept in an hour late, the lyrics on the sound system aptly summed up his dilemma: "It must have been love, but it is over now."

These were not surroundings to which the architect of glasnost and perestroika, Time magazine's for-mer Man of the Decade, was accustomed during his years on the world stage, when the only better known leader on the planet was Ronald Reagan. Here he was, 500 miles from the glittering halls of the Kremlin, campaigning like any other hack politician in a provincial civic building in the au-

tonomous republic of Tatarstan. Russian politicians have a patchy record in this place, with its 3 milliun population, mostly Russians and Tatars descended from Genghis Khan. But on this, his first shot at running for office through the hallot box, the 65year-old Mr Gorbachev was lookng remarkably relaxed.

It was not always thus. Over the last few months his baffling campaign for the Russian presidency has been interspersed with

been spat on, jeered at, and in Kazan. "One simply can't be in-karate-chopped on the head by an different to him." blockede" is continuing in the run-up to the first round of the elecangry on-looker.

During a swing through St Pe-tersburg, local officials scuppered his plans to visit three factories, claiming that they were closed to visitors. On a Victory Day visit to Volgograd last month, he was greeted with shouts of "traitor" as he wandered beneath the statue of Mother Russia that towers

over the city from a hilltop. But these moments have been incidental irritations, and are the exception rather than the rule. True, most Communists will never forgive him for the destruction of the party and the Soviet em-

But nor can one stop wondering why he has embarked on this lonely odyssey around a huge slice of the land that he once governed. being greeted by embarrassed local officials and lukewarm applause. Although he disputes the polls, most of which show him with a miserable rating of around I per cent, even he would agree that he stands not a snowball's

chance in hell of winning.
His wife admits she tried to talk him out of running. Yet on he plods, the Ancient Mariner of Russian politics, compelled to tell his story.

You have to agree that Mikhail Gorbachev has left his mark on history'

pire. And true, many supporters of market reforms blame him for failing to finish the job, plunging Russia into economic chaos, and worsening living standards. Others still resent his candidacy, believing it will split the anti-Communist vote.

Yet, for the most part, those who gather to listen to Mikhail Gorbachev are more curious than hostile, "You have to agree that he has left his mark on history." said Rudi, a middle-aged school humiliating moments. He has teacher, after watching him arrive

Why? One principal reason appears to be that he is simply desperate to avoid the worst fate that can befall any politician - obscurity. "People seem to have forgotten Gorbachev," he said recently; his campaign for the presidency would be a "break-through from oblivion".

In the years since Boris Yeltsin unceremoniously ousted him from the Kremlin, Mr Gorbachev claims to have been repeatedly de-nied access to the Russian media. He says that the "information is a political corpse."

tion on 16 June.

Yet his main platform is faceto-face with the people, arguing his case in a slow, occasionally witty, often painfully long-winded, way before audiences in the beart of Russia. Here, he is away from the cruel intelligentsia of Moscow and St Petersburg, amid friendly folk - many of whom are pleased to see him merely because he is a celebrity.

His message is much the same wherever he goes. Russia faces a Hobson's choice, he explained to the audience in Kazan. It has to choose between Mr Yeltsin, "a disaster" who is responsible for "destroying science, education, and culture", and the Communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, who is no better.

The people around Mr Zynganov are the ones who poked their sticks into the wheels of reform during perestroika, who cobbled together the 1991 coup, producing terrible results." The audience seemed sympa-

thetic, but unconvinced. "I didn't learn anything new, said Yevgeny Shukin, as he stepped out into the evening sunshine afterwards. "He undertook reform. He didn't finish it properly. He's a good man, but the country needs a tough man." Roman Popkov. a student, was more succinct: "He





the liberal economist, has accused Boris Yeltsin of having the "bloodiest autocratic regime since the Second Workl War", when Stalin was in power, writes Phil Reeves.

His barrage of criticism is further evidence that efforts to make a pre-election pact with Mr. Yeltsin have come to nought, not least because of Mr Yavlinsky's demand that he fire his Prime Minister, Viktor

Yeltsin 'is

bloodiest

autocrat

since Stalin'

In some of the strongest lan-guage of the Russian election

campaign, Grigory Yavlinsky.

Mr Yavlinksy, leader of the Yabloku party, is battling on alone, after also rejecting the notion of an alliance with Gennady Zyuganov s Communistnationalist bloc.

His attack on Mr Yeltsin appears to be part of a strategy to attract the vote of democrats disenchanned with the President's blunt methods.

He said the pace of violence Russia had been steadily growing from the hardline pro-Soviet comp in August 1991 to the revolt against Yeltsin in October 1993 and the conflict

"Three people died in August 1991, two hundred were killed in October 1993 and 30,000 died in the Chechen war. How many people might die in 1997 if the regime survives – millions?" he asked. He also warned of the Clean sweep: Poster for presidential candidate Grigory Yavlinsky Photograph: Reuter risk that the vote will be rigged.

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Reports that Pot Pot, head of the Khmer Rouge Killing Fields regime that ruled from 1975 to 1979, may be ill or even dead were being checked by Cambodian officials. Pol Pot, 68, has not been seen in public since after a 1978 Victnamese invasion ended his reign of terror and has long had malaria. However, sources in Thailand said his condition was not serious. Renter - Planon Parts.

China dropped its insistence that 'peaceful nuclear explosions' should be permitted under the Test Ban Treaty being negotiated in Geneva, paving the way. for a deal by 28 June and opening the way for a global ban on testing. Peking had been alone among the five declared nuclear powers in demanding "peaceful" explosions be allowed for research purposes. Christopher Bellumy

Rudolf Scharping, chairman of the opposition. Social Democrats in the German parliament, was seriously injured in a bicycle actilent. Mr. Scharping, 48, who failed to insent Chancellor Helmin Koat in the 1994. elections, was flown to a Koblene bospital. He was rising downhill when he lost control and was not weating a helmet. AP - Koblenz

Vaciav Klaus, the conservative Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, was asked by President Vaciav Havel to form a new government, despite narrowly losing his majority in weekend elections. If approved, the government will be based on the present three-party centre-right coalition but will also rely on the tacit support. of the opposition Social Democrats. Adrian Bridge

Talks between Russian and Chechen separatist delegates trying to end the 18-month conflict adjourned. without result. They had been negotiating on a prisoner exchange and a Russian withdrawal from the mostly Muslim region in return for rebel disarmament. The delegates said that although the talks had broken down they would reconvene in three days. Reuter - Nazran

Burma's military regime prohibited the pro-democracy leader Anng San San Kyi from holding meetings with crowds outside her home. Tension has been growing since the regime rounded up 260 democracy activists to try to prevent a party congress that marked Ms Suu Kyi's biggest political triumph since being released from six years' house arrest last July. AP - Rangoou

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## Berlin rebuilt by low-wage British labour

Local building unions are worried about the impact on their wages, writes Imre Karacs in Berlin

hly steer clear of the James Joyce and the Oscar Wilde. The music is loud, the conversation unpoetic, and sheer ge-nius merely a twinkle at the bottom of a glass of Guinness.

The "Oscar" and the "James", and a string of other pubs in Berlin named after famous Irish exiles, are watering holes for the gangs of workers from the British Isles who have come to seek their fortune in the El Dorado of the building trade. Tens of thousands of Britons and Irish are labouring on Europe's biggest building site: Potsdamer Platz and the surrounding areas where the Berlin Wall once stood, and where the edifices of reunited Germany's might will soon be soaring to the sky.

The hard men building the new government quarter and . the temples of commerce in the former minefields seem harmless enough but they give Germans the creeps. To put it hiuntly, as the local press does: the trouble with the Brits is that they are over-sexed, over here, and under-paid. Kevin, a 34-year-old Glaswe-

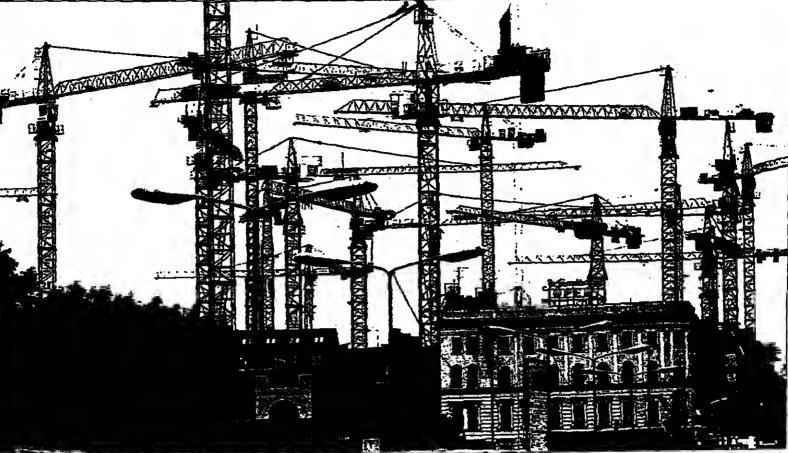
gian carpenter, has been in Berlin for three years, claims to have several girifriends, and though he will not say how much he earns, admits that people like him get between DM22 and DM35 an hour (about £9-£15). That might be at least twice as much as he would be earning in Britain, but

Culture vultures should proba- by German standards he is

slave labour. So concerned are the German trade unions that they are prepared to go on strike on Kevin's behalf. Well, perhaps not on his behalf, as they claim, but in defence of the interests of German workers who cost their employers up to DM65 an hour. The unions argue, not unreasonably, that Kevin and his pals are pricing German workers, 350,000 on the dole at the last count, out of the market.

Matters came to a head last week when the main employers' federation, the BDA, vetoed the government's proposal to in-troduce a minimum wage of DM18.60 an hour in the huilding sector. The measure would have been the first step in a series of swoops on foreign work-ers. The administration of the new system would have required checks on building sites; an unwelcome intrusion into the unregulated labour market. Though most Britons would clear the wage hurdle, they and their employers pay no social se-curity contributions which boost the cost of a marginally better paid native worker.

The BDA's unexpected veto provoked anger among unions, opposition politicians, and even some construction companies that are being squeezed by the smaller cowboy outfits' "wage dumping". IG Bau, the building workers' union, had only just agreed to a tiny pay rise in re-



Sky high: Low cost foreign labour means construction firms can keep within their tender prices for rebuilding central Berlin

turn for the minimum wage, and is now dropping dark hints of conflict between foreigners and Germans on the sites. "My colleagues are absolutely furious," said Klaus Wiesehügel, leader of IG Bau. "And some have said to me: 'We must take matters into our own hands when no

one else is prepared to help us." Help will not be forthcoming in a hurry. Too much prestige and too many vested interests are attached to the capital being completed by 1999 at the prices tendered. Without foreign workers, the cost overnins

thinks the native workers would not be up to the task. "In the Communist regime it took four people to do one man's job," he says. This is still East Germany. The German man is not good enough to do the amount of

Whatever their relative mer-

its, it is true that a unionised German worker would not do Kevin's 50-hour week, and when the temperature dropped to-15 degrees last winter, the Germans did not emerge from

As the unions point out, they will get paid at the end of even the British only do this be-

sought work in London, all in vain. "You keep looking, but there's nothing," he says. So he came to Berlin, where. his mates assured him the roads were paved with gold. Finding

ter from Scotland, arrived here

six months ago. He had completed his apprenticeship and

a job was easy enough; the Irish pubs act as an informal labour exchange, with vacancies advertised by word of mouth. It did not work out. "First job I was here I got ripped off," he says. "Six weeks I worked and they didn't give me any money."

Being ripped off is an occupational hazard in Berlin, Kevin estimates he is owed DM6,000, money he will never recover from the crooks who prey on foreigners. Their victims, illegal or semi-legal workers, are hardly in a position to suc.

More time-honoured traditions for settling scores in the building trade are also inadvisable. "One of my friends is on the run because he beat up n sub-contractor," says Paul, who concluded long ago that the only sensible response to such ad versity was to "pack your bags and move on".

But there are some who cannot cope with penury, and take to shop-lifting, the bottle, or worse. There's a small number who can't handle Berlin, and they get fucked up with booze

and drugs," says Kevin.
Yet despite the difficulties. Kevin has no intention of going home, and Paul is settling in nicely. He has just moved into a small flat with a large number of his mates. "It's a shit-house," he says. "But it's better than

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## Europe's human rights watchdog starts to bite

Even supporters of the Council of Europe would admit that many people, particularly in western Europe, have never heard of it, or have only a hazy idea of what it does. Yet aimost 50 years after its foundation in 1949, the Strasbourg-based institution, whose task is the promotion of human rights and democracy across Europe, is acquiring more weight than perhaps at any time in its history.

One could even say it is becoming somewhat controversial. meeting in Salonika, when members of the council's parliamentary assembly took the virtually unprecedented step of warning an applicant coun-try, Croatia, to improve its human rights performance if it wanted full membership.

"Our main objective is to promote the core values of pluralist democracy," the council's Secretary-General, Daniel Tarschys of Sweden, told the Independent. "There must be certain minimal conditions to be fulfilled. We can't just take in any country."

Not much was heard of the council from 1949 to 1989, during which time its membership was confined to Western European countries. Its role in the Cold War was mainly to demonstrate how these states had emThe Secretary-General of the Council of Europe tells Tony Barber in Salonika why ex-Communist states want to join

Since the fall of Communism, taking them so long to achieve

Mr Tarschys, a former pro-

independence. Notwithstanding the recent warning to Croatia, the Council of Europe attracts criticisms from politicians and commen-

Soviet-controlled countries of blind eye to some countries' fail-

however, the number of member-states has risen from 23 to 39 as new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe have flocked to join. Clearly, these states believe that membership the bigger prizes of entry into the European Union and Nato.

fessor of Soviet and East European studies at Uppsala University, said Council of Europe membership was im-portant to a Central or Eastern European state. It served as proof that the state was considered democratic; it showed the country was hinding itself into free European institutious; and finally, for some new-born states such as Moldova, or the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, it underlined European acceptance of their

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the week. Paul, also a carpen-

The most obvious example con-. cerns Russia, which was admitted early this year despite widespread concern over the war in Chechnya and the quality of Russia's political and

Another example involved Romania in 1993, when Hungary argued for delaying Romanian membership on the grounds that Bucharest was still discriminating against the country's ethnic Hungarian minority. In the end, Hungary abstained in the vote, allowing Romania to join.

Significantly, when the vote on Russia was coming up, President Boris Yeltsin publicly warned rejection of the application would damage Russian relations with the West, ft was a sign of how seriously Moscow took membership of the council. an institution denounced in Communist times as a vehicle for Western propaganda.

Mr Tarschys acknowledges that some states, especially those with "an interrupted de-

Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, presented the council with few problems when they applied to join. "As we came further to the east, there were more doubts as to whether some countries were ready for memhership. I pleaded for an

inclusive strategy," he said. The "better-in-than-out" argument rests not only on the assumption that it is easier to influence a country's behaviour when it belongs to the council. It reflects the view, put cil's activities are "not just a finger-pointing exercise" but are

intended to encourage reform. A variety of new programmes are in place to help strengthen democratic institutions and the rule of law in Eastern Europe. One is a Council of Europe Youth Centre in Budapest, where young Europeans exchange ideas about human rights, political extremism, un-

employment and other issues. The council is also involved in the post-war reconstruction of Bosnia, for under the Dayton agreement the council was asked to help set up a Bosnian human rights commission and a constitutional court. A sign of the council's growing importance is that the United States, Japan and Canada have all recently requested, and been granted, observer status.

## Don't mess with the monkey .

If Rudyard Kipling were writing about India in the late 20th century, he might be tempted to change the Jungle Book around. Instead of having Mowgli, the man-cub, raised by wolves in the jungle. Kipling might be inclined to tell tales of the monkeys living in New Delhi who have become eerily human.

Monkeys and men have coexisted for so long in India that, inevitably, the primates have acquired some human traits. As Iobal Malik, a primate specialist explains, "In the forests, monkeys are shy creatures, but in the city they become very confident and quite aggressive. They will try to pull off a woman's san."

You find monkeys riding public buses, like morning com-muters. Wisely, they seem to mimic politicians in their choice of habitat and behaviour. While in Bombay they might take after businessmen, even a monkey is smart enough to figure out that in the capital, it is the politicians who are highest on the food-chain. You find thousands of monkeys living around the North and South Block

hungalows used by the MPs. Monkeys have even invaded the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the regal old viceroy's palace which is They importune the president when he strolls through his rose gardens, and even his crack commando bodygnards, with You are challenging his domi-their karate kicks, can't shoo nance, begging him to sink his

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them away. And - just like MPs in any country - the monkeys periodically swagger into the government ministries, ripping out long-forgotten files and causing much fuss in what-

ever office they visit. Urban living affects the monkeys the same way it affects humans: they become more aggressive and short-fused. In other words, monkeys in New Delhi experience road rage. You don't find monkeys dri-

ving - yet. But the commuting monkeys get just as exasperated with public transport as do Delhi-wallahs. Thus, one monkey hopped on the same bus every morning, chose the same seat and got off at the same stop. The other passengers were accustomed to this. One day, the monkey swing onto the bus as usual and found another commuter in his seat. Using tact and gentle man-

ners, the monkey politely tugged at the interloper and tried to get him to move. The man refused and committed the cardinal sin of primate etiquette; he looked the monkey now used by India's president. straight in the eye. Never look a monkey straight in the eye. It's even worse than laughing out loud at their shiny, red burns.

teeth into your face. Need I say more? The monkey got his seat

This was not an isolated case of monkey road rage, either. A formight ago, bus number 260 pulled up outside the Railway Ministry near India Gate and, along with the other passengers, a monkey clambered aboard. The bus conductor happened to forget another rule of Monkey Dos and Don'ts: never resort to violence unless, mafia-style,

you plan to exterminate the monkey and all its relatives, or you plan on leaving town im-mediately after. He messed with the monkey.

The next morning, the mon-key was back at the Railway Ministry bus stop. Teeth bared, the monkey jumped onto every bus that halted until he found the one with his conductor. There is a second version to this story, which appeared in the Indian Express, in which the monkey returns with reinforcements, a platoon of other male monkeys. This exaggeration could have been spread by the conductor himself. It is, after all, rather embarrassing to go one-on-one with a member of a squat, lower species and

This monkey did a very bright thing. He went for the driver

first, knocking his hands off the wheel and forcing him to stop the bus. (I suspect that the the monkey picked up this trick from watching Keanu Reeves in Speed.) Once the bus was stationary, the monkey lunged at the conductor, who fied in panic. He took refuge in a jeep, but

the monkey forced him out. For the most vivid description, I quote the Indian Express: "The humiliated monkey went up to a cop, tapped him gently on the elbow and pointed at the locked car. Ohligingly, the cop went to the locked car... and or-

dered the man to open up." Experts I've spoken to say this is nonsense. Ms Malik, the primute specialist, explained, "Monkeys are apprehensive about men wearing uniforms and boots." Quite right. Monkeys, like people, have learned through hitter experience that asking a cop for help always

leads to more trouble. Anyway, this monkey slapped around the conductor, took bites out of a few painful places, and chased him into the railway ministry. From there, the injured conductor limped to hospital. Yesterday, the monkey was hack outside the Railway ministry, pacing angrily. A betel-nut seller on the corner was sure he was waiting for the con-

ductor It's a different kind of jungle out there from Mowgli's.

Tim McGirk

## Sound the alarm bells for Turkey

the fall of Turkey's conservative government yesterday should set academic and former national security alarm hells ringing in the West. It is not that the country is about to be delivered into the hands of the Islamist Welfare Party, though that is possible. What should concern Turkey's friends in the West is how badly the established parties have bungled things, for it is that which has given the religious party its entrée.

Turkey is avowedly a secular state. though in practice, the links between mosque and state are strong. But as a modern nation, rooted in the modernising ethic of the Kemalist revolution, it has made an effort to subordinate religion to the needs of the state. The Welfare Party stands in opposition to that tradition.

It is not just Turkey where the attempt to divorce government from religion is under threat. India, too, is a secular state, where the aim has been to bridge the sectarian divides that run through a sub-continent. That is not a vision to which the Hindu Nationalist BJP subscribes: it wants to enshrine the defence and assertion of Hindu values. In Israel, too, the smaller religious parties did well at the recent elections.

There is a plausible argument that sees the very idea of the secular state as being under threat, divorcing as it does the practical business of government from the defence of strongly felt local cultural and spiritual values.

official, has argued that religious cleavages will constitute the next great international battle lines, replacing the ideological split of the Cold War years. It is superficially attractive, as a saloon-bar version of international affairs. Fundamentalism is on the rise, Islam is a threat, and hence it is time to go back to the barricades again.

This is a useful idea if you're trying to sell a book, or revive the international arms industry, or launch a crusade; but it wilfully misunderstands the dynamics of the countries where religion is on the rise. There is no single force for fundamentalism, nor any necessary confrontation building between Christian and Islamic states.

There are, undoubtedly, many factors pressing electorates to abandon the established parties of government, and to seek salvation in more traditional credos. The past decade has seen surging pressure for free trade, open markets, and an end to traditional power structures. The globalisation of industry, financial markets, and media has little time for local sensibilities. These pressures have been particularly keenly felt in those nations that stand on the brink of entry into the developed world, where rapid industrialisation has dislocated fragile social and economic

The established political parties in



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many of these countries are rotten to the core. India's Congress party crumbled at the polls because its moral authority and probity had already disintegrated. Turkey's left is divided and weak; its right- and centre-right parties have proved incapable of maintaining a coalition government, and a whiff of corruption hangs over Ankara. With friends like this, secular liberal democracy has little need of enemies.

Secular liberal democracy is an ideal to be defended. Those who want to undermine it should be fought, tooth and nail, because they threaten tolerance, social progress and (in many

cases) freedom. But that should not blind us to the fact that, very often, they succeed because the forces that are defending the secular state are culpable of worse stupidities, sometimes in the name of nothing more praiseworthy than personal gain. Necmettin Erbakan, 70, who leads

the Welfare Party, is not a particularly savoury character, to say the least, with his ridiculous idea of an anti-Turkish Zionist and capitalist plot. The religious vote in Turkey is probably no more than 10 per cent. But the Welfare Party won 22 per cent of the vote in the December 1995 elections. Their success, like

that of the far right, owes more to the weakness of the centre than to any great longing in Turkey for an anti-Western revolution. Welfare does a good job in local government; many of its supporters are far from being anti-Western zealots; and it did. after all. come first in the elections. That is why Turkey's secular elite is ready to make cautious overtures to the Welfare Party. aware of both the party's popularity, and the growing difficulties of forming a government any other way. Does it matter to us? Only 10 sec-

onds' reflection on the history of European warfare over the past couple of hundred years leads to an under-standing of Turkey's crucial geographical position, and the ethnic and ideological mix that results from that location. The stability of Turkey is vital for the West, and for Europe in particular. There is unrest all around: to the west in the Balkans, to the north in the former Soviet Union, to the east in the Caucasus, and to the south in Iraq, Iran and Syria. But the country's strategic importance, and knee-jerk rejection of Islam, should not blind the West to the inadequacies of its present leadership.

Mesut Yilmaz, the Prime Minister, and Tansu Ciller, Turkey's glamorous former prime minister and darling of the international conference circuit, have dismally failed to put together a coalition government so far, because of the enormous personal animosity that each feels for the other. Let Ihem light; let Welfare try its hand at forming a government. If it shows signs of trying to steer the country onto an anti-Western path, then the alarm bells must be sounded. But, surprisingly, the biggest present cause for concern is the miserable inadequacy of the secular mainstream, not Islamic reaction.

#### Give us sports folk any day

So here we go, the wonderful summer of sport. The Test series opened yes terday. Euro 96 kicks off tumorrow, soon it'll be Wimbledon, then the Olympics. Oh heaven! Oh horror! Should we all stay in with our mates drinking six-packs and watching telly, or be out watching weepies with our girlfriends?

One view says sport sublimates ugly tribalism; look how much time and money we spend rounding up hooligans.

But really, the struggles acted out on turf, track and water are one of the most therapeutically successful ways of behaving competitively without going to war or smashing up your local shopping precinct. Sports folk are, well, just nicer than politicians, movie stars, business leaders, and virtually anyone else you care to mention. Aren't they Eric?

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### EU threat to nan rights our public services irts to bite

Sir: You are right to oppose a
European single currency and
Economic and Monetary Union
(EMU) on grounds of democracy
and the defence of our public services (3 June).
For the UK to meet the

economic criteria, this will require cuts of £18hn in our public services, in addition to those made in the past 17 years by this Tory government. How can anyone criticise the Tories if we in the Labour Party are willing to do the same, or even worse, in destroying those services?

These cuts are not of a temporary nature, but are a permanent feature and legal obligation set ont in the Maastricht Treaty. Anyone doubting this should read the Treaty text, something the Chancellor has recently done.

The process creating the EMU and the single currency will also transfer powers on the major economic policies from democratically elected governments to European central bankers, who are appointed for eight years and who cannot be removed. Indeed a future Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer would be acting illegally even if he tried to influence those bankers on issues such as unemployment.

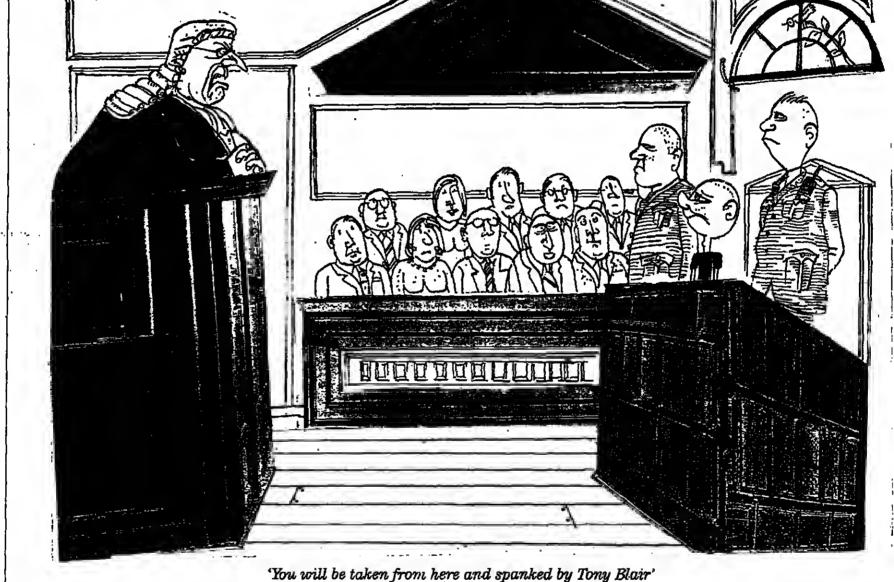
Many of us will find it impossible to support EMU and a single currency if it comes to a vote in Parliament. The leaders of all the political parties should realise this and should instead defend democracy and our public services LLEW SMITH MP (Blaenau Gwent, Lab) House of Commons London SWI

Sir: Warmest congratulations on your leading article about the n the monte

European Community. At last a reasoned debate will be possible. Perhaps the greatest obstacle in the way of such debate has been a combination of misinformation and lack of accurate information. Britain has been in the EC for over 20 years, yet very few people, even among the highly educated and politically minded, could tell you accurately about how it works and what it has done.

Discussions happen in other member states and within the EC institutions, for example, on how to make the EC more democratic. This has been a continuing concern from the beginning. Just because of concern for democracy, it would have been impossible to do as you suggest and set out plans for a federal union in detail right at the start. Instead there has been a step-by-step approach, requiring public agreement at each stage. attempting an "ever-closer union between the peoples of Europe and not just between their governments. The purposes have been frank and the processes open from the outset, and if some of our politicians have not grasped them the hlame is not the Community's. I often wonder how many of the parliamentarians who speak about the EC have actually read the Treaties, visited the European Commission or listened to the European Parliament. ANN DUMMETT Oxford

Sir: Your pioneering leading article on "Britain in Europe" (3 June) ended, surprisingly, rather lamely. For, after one of the most persuasive arguments for



European integration to be seen in the British press for some years, you nevertheless suggest that what you were doing was unfurling the flag of "confederation".

In reality you were doing no such thing. The article was rather a plea in all but name for a "federal Europe". I got the very distinct impression that the word "confederation" was thrown in at the end in order to appease sensibilities during this current wave of anti-European primitivism and nostalgia

Instead of such appearement those who support the European cause should unabashedly proclaim the merits of federalism. After all, and contrary to the ill-educated proclamations from many Westminster politicians, a federal state is essentially a decentralised polity locating entrenched powers at sub-centre level. In fact, a federal Europe would be more de-centralised than the UK for which. ironically, so many of our Eurosceptics fear for the future. The UK is a unitary super-state with a single currency. The kind of Europe which your leader envisages is not a

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super-state in that sense at all.

Professor STEPHEN HASELER

Flying ace Sir: I have been annoyed, then intrigued, by a fly which has been going round the room I am in for some five minutes before settling. Two questions arise: how long can a fly manage to fly around without pause; and, if translated into human terms, what would be the

#### Daily dilemmas for the poor

Sir: I was saddened to see Simon Brooke's letter (5 June) and to read his arrogant and scathing remarks about people faced with poverty and living on means tested

Indeed people in poverty do have to make daily choices about what to spend their money on - do they feed their children or pay the electricity bill? Do they keep their children away from school because they can't afford to buy them

Many families struggle to survive on as little as £3 per I wonder what Mr Brooke paid for his lunch trader? his lunch today?

A single person on Income Support has less than £7.50 a day to pay for food, electricity, gas, water rates, clothes, toiletries and travelling.

In Cornwall there is extremely limited public transport and claimants have often no alternative but to hitch to their nearest benefit agency - no mean feat if one has young children. Perhaps Mr Brooke would gain

much from spending time with those who work with poor people so that he could better understand the issues that the Joseph Rowniree Foundation so properly reported on. ALISON H MANDEVILLE

Manager Liskeard Cuizens Advice Bureau Torpoint,

#### Striking a blow at the press

Sir: Polly Toyobee's piece on the Daily Mail seemed to express what many feel about the damaging power, and confused and bypocritical morality of the press (and I am not sure we should confine this judgement to the tabloids.)

With a certain thrill we read of her careful manipulation of the journalists' craft and her use of "contacts" to combai an intrusive and mischievous piece of story fabrication. But this misses the point: Polly Toynbee may have been able to get her retaliation in first and strike some sort of blow for those who suffer press harassment, but how do those less privileged in access to the front page of a national newspaper throw it back"? G C WOODS

Shrewsbury Back-seat driver

Sir. The vocal device which Rabbi Dr Reuven Silverman suggests should be a standard in-car fitting (Letters, 6 June), to warn a driver of "the perilous consequences of his actions" when recklessly overtaking or tail-gating, was first developed some years ago and is an optional extra from the Maker: Genesis 2:18 "And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help-meet for him." BILL LYONS

Why Hitler must have known

Sir: reading your summary of the opening gambits of Irving versus Sereny ("Irving and Sereny go to war", 6 June) reminded me that in 1977 Albert Speer commented on David Irving's book. Speer said that "it was ludicrous for anyone to claim that the extermination of the Jews could bave been anyone's idea

but Hitler's." He goes on to say, "It shows a profound ignorance of Hitler's Germany, in which nothing of any magnitude could conceivably happen not only without his

knowledge hut without his order." That coming from the man wbo was probably closest to Hitler is far more convincing than any little game Mr Irving might like to play. DAVID G GILES London SWI

#### Middle East peace still alive

Sir: Robert Fisk has jumped the gun in proclaiming the Middle East peace process dead, and not for the first time (5 June). Since September 1993 he has informed your readers that the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations were about to collapse or had already done so. Despite his predictions, the admittedly fragile process took root and has created the beginnings of a very different Middle East.

The results of the Israeli elections are far more complex than a referendum on the peace

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weight.

process. Netanyahu campaigned on maintaining and implementing the

Oslo agreement and so a vote for

him is not a vote against the peace

parties supporting the Oslo agreement won 64 scats out of 120.

In these circumstances the

the European Union, has a major

strengthen the dynamic towards

peace in the region. This must

with the Palestinian National

Authority and a creative relationship with the new Israeli

A poet's macabre

Sir: In your "First Encounters"

Algernon Swinhurne met Victor

Hugo". 1 June), Nancy Caldwell

Swinhume almost heing drowned

Maupassant, who was on holiday at

He was rescued by Guy de

the resort of Etretat. Swinhurne

that he allowed him access to a

which De Maupassant kept for

several years and used as a paper-

was so grateful to De Maupassant

collection of macahre objects in his

One of these was a severed hand

feature (Magazine; "When

Sorel mentions Algernon

in Normandy in 1868.

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responsibility to act in every way to

assistance and diplomatic relations

international community, including

process. In the Knesset elections

#### **Futility of** learning by rote Sir: The so-called progressive

teaching methods arose from research into how children learn (report, 1 June), in particular, as regards mathematics, it was found that children who had been taught by formal methods had little understanding of the processes of mathematics. Many teachers felt inadequate to teach maths because they themselves had learned by rote, without understanding.

Those who were teaching before

the war and in the Forties and Fifties, by formal class methods, were aware of the shortcomings of these methods and witnessed the excellent effect of "progressive" methods on standards of literacy and numeracy. The reasons for the present decline in standards are due to many causes, many of which lie outside the classroom. A return to "old fashioned" methods ul noi soive these proble is likely to increase them.

Those who have worked closely with children over many years are aware that they do not learn by such methods, other than parrot fashion. The pace of teaching teaves slower children bewildered - and they switch off: the brighter ones, for whom the pace must of necessity be too slow, also switch off. The

method is ineffective and wasteful. Our motives in planning the work of schools seem to be geared entirely to the economy of the market place, with little consideration for the importance of character training and the development of the whole person. values that used to be considered

of prime importance. It is believed that reading, writing and mathematics are simple skills. able to be acquired by all children, given the "right" teaching. These, in fact, are very difficult skills, whose complexity is generally underestimated. What the "right" teaching is has yet to be determined. We do know, from research and experience, what it is not Mrs ELIZABETH LAWRENCE

Sir: "I can imagine the outery from Ofsted if a school said 'Sorry, we do not have time to teach music because we are concentrating on the basics' ", complains Peter Brinton (Letters, 4 June).

Chideock, Dorsel

A Swiss survey of 1,200 seven to 15-year-olds (reported in New Scientist. 18 May) found that children who had five music lessons per week performed better at language, and no worse at maths, than children who had one or two music lessons per week - and were also better behaved.

More research may be needed. but this certainly undermines Mr Brinton's unwritten assumption that extra time spent on The basies" is the best way to improve children's competence in them. JOHN A CRAM Leeds

Sir: there seems to be general agreement that a mixture of whole class and group teaching works well. However, in a rypical classroom huilt in the 1960s, if you have a class of over 30 children, you cannot arrange modern classroom furniture in lines and fit in all the children. One of the teachers I work with tried it and we found the tables were too wide and we could not have all the children sitting facing forward. People over 50 will remember the narrow tables and attached seats that we used to fit in. Mrs R V HOCKING **Newport**, Gwent

Little Hayfield, Stockport Comwall equivalent endeavour? Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. PHILIP WEBSTER (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity. gers ahead.

much of Essex was inundated.

## Oh, southern England, hot hectares of sunflowers under an azure sky

It is 2056 and Britain is unrecognisable. Peter Popham on life after global warming



since the great evacuation of the city began. First, the workingclass populations of the lowonly recourse was to keep the lying districts in the east (along air-conditioning on full blast with the Docklands business community) were driven out. One dreadful winter when the fuel tax incurred. The only escape was to move northwards, to the zones where life bitter east wind never relented.

the Thames Barrier was could still be sweet. The chief consolation of the destroyed by a freak wave and exodus was that London's property prices had plunged, and But then a more gradual Smith bad managed to pick up exodus hegan, even from the for a song a splendid mansion in Hampstead once owned by upland parts of the capital that remained dry. Built for tema 20th-century pop singer called George Michael. It was in ruins, perate conditions, the city became unbearable as each hut it was still a splendid pile. year the summer grew botter. Now, as he sat in his underwear It became a city of intolerable looking down across London to extremes: hitterly cold winters where the swollen Thames which had long since obliterpunctuated by ferocious storms and wild floods; harsh, hurning. ated the Houses of Parliament pitiless summers, when the and the South Bank arts com-

plex - gleamed fiercely in the sunshine, and ate a breakfast of grapes sent down by his son in Macclesfield, he wondered idly bow he was going to kill time A submarine exploration of

the sunken towns of the south coast? Brighton, its Royal Pavil ion intact under the waves and glinting palely, was said to be particularly spooky and cooling. A trip along the new fresh-water canal built - in the teeth of massive and bitter Welsh protests - to feed the south of England with drinking water from Spowdon?

He leafed through the travel agency's brochures. Another iourney north, to his son's place south of Manchester, was much

be didn't want to abuse their bospitality. Besides, a lingering pride in his southern roots drove him to seek out things about the south still worthy of admiration. Though such things

incarcerated indefinitely, pending an "international solution" the problem. "Fortress Europe" had been a phenom-

The homely little fields of his youth had been amalgamated into mighty prairies

were, admittedly, barder and harder to find. His motoring tour of Kent last summer with an old friend had proved deeply depressing all the hedgerows and woods torn down, all the ponds filled in. The homely little fields of his youth had been amalgamated into mighty prairies, where rows of tall, bushy sweetcorn plants marched towards the horizon, and bectare after hectare of massed sunflowers nodded

under the azure sky. At the beach (several miles inland from where he remembered it) be had got sunstroke, and was bitten by a scorpion, and nearly died. On the way back to London, he was further depressed by the sight of the newly established "temporary islander resettlement camps" baking behind high barbedwire fences, where survivors of islands wiped off the map by enon even in his childhood in the late Nineties, but now that vast coastal-estuary and island areas of countries such as Baneladesh, India and Indonesia had been destroyed by the sea. Europe's attitude to wouldbe immigrants had become far tougher. The hard-nosed approach of the Hong Kong Chinese towards the Vietnamese boat people 60 years ago was always being cited by politicians as the prudent approach: lock 'em up, then

D'em out And it had all been foreseen, Smith told himself wonderingly. Many of the warnings given by scientists before the end of the last century had been astonishingly clear and detailed Looking back through his archive, it had startled him how prescient they had been. As long ago as June 1996, the

many of the particulars of the changes that actually occurred: the rising sea levels, the swallowing up of islands and deltas, the increasing incidence of storms and floods, more hunger and disease, the return of menaces such as malaria to formerly temperate countries like Britain. All this had been predicted - and the underlying reason was as familiar now as the ABC: the build-up in the atmosphere of the "greenhouse gases", particularly carbon dioxide, the consequent trapping of infra-red radiation which then warmed the atmosphere unrelentingly. Separately there was the destruction of the

Intergovernmental Panel on

In Newsweek, in January 1996, James E Hansen, director of Nasa's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, was quoted as saying, "As you get more global warming, you should see an increase in the extremes of the hydrologic cycle - dronghts and floods and heavy precipitation." Quite right, Smith thought: monsoonlike rain has become normal in London. The more rapidly we force change in the [climate] system," said Stephen Schneider of Stanford University in the same article, "the more

ozone layer. Together they spelt

drastic trouble.

likely it is to exhibit inscrutable behaviour." Hence the strange weather first noted in the late Nineties - and it has been con-

sistently strange ever since. Smith sighed heavily, and dabbed at the sweat on his brow. Yet although the warming of the planet, as the environmental organisations long and vociferously predicted, had bad many devastating consequences, not everyone had suffered. Many people's lives bad in fact been transformed for the better. His thoughts turned longingly towards Macclesfield
- Macclesfield and the glorious

Again, Smith realised, it had all been foreseen: Professor Martin Parry of the Jackson Institute of Climate Research in London and a member of the IPCC, had predicted 60 years before that, while the whole of Britain would get hotter, the south would at the same time get drier and the north wetter. The consequences were foresecable, the professor had declared: irrigation, prairie-size fields, semi-tropical crops in the south. And in the north?

The slopes of the hills around Macclesfield town centre were terraced for vines 20 years back, under the eye of a French master of viniculture from Bordeaux, fleeing the

desertification of his own

region. Greg Smith's son Max had had to go abroad to find lucrative work, like most ambitions children of his generation. He had mined coal in China for five years in his early twenties yes, he knew it was adding to the warming problem, but that's where the money was, especially now the Chinese refused to do such work themselves. He had made so much money (when translated into euros) that on his return he had been able to buy one of the up-and-coming vineyards of southern Manchester, with a handsome vilia - built 150 years before, during the town's previous surge of economic success

set in the middle of it. Now he could only congratulate himself on his sound instincts. For Manchester had decisively taken over many of London's functions when the capital became too hot to bear - the City, in particular, had favoured Manchester's lusher, more merciful climate, not to mention its excellent wines and the green suburbs to the south were experiencing an apparently endless boom, as the changing climate greened its valleys and fruited its billsides and gradually transformed it into the Provence of the North.

And the good fortune was not restricted to the inland areas. More than half a century before, seemingly crazed city fathers insisted on building marinas, for no conceivable purpose, in unlikely places such as Hartlepool. But now these mad acts were revealed as stunningly far-sighted: the same marinas were throbbing night and day with Mediterraneanstyle life, their brilliant blue barbours alive with pretty sails. Liverpool readily re-made itself in the image of Cannes, Black-pool in the likeness of Monte

It all had a strange, circular sort of justice to it. It was bere in the north of England that the industrial revolution had been born; bere for the first time greenbonse gases had been unleashed on the atmosphere in quantities previously unimagined. Decades, centuries passed, and while the north of England languished in increasing poverty and obscurity, the revolution it had made went around the world and did its work, and the greenhouse gases went up into the heavens. Finally, today, the north was reaping the benefits of what it had originally sown. It was almost enough to make one believe in a benign God - though this was a view with which the environmental organisations were likely to disagree.

Down in Hampstead it was nine o'clock in the morning, and the cicadas shrieked and the pampas grass creaked and another infernal day was under way. Greg Smith swallowed his pride and picked up the phone. He'd go north again,

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## Cancel the millennium? Oh, why not ...

keep reading that we have a stand-off situation in the world. What is meant by a

stand-off? It's another word for fly half. No, not that kind of stand-off. meant a political stand-off. Oh, well, a stand-off is to politics what gridlock is to traffic. You mean, everything coming to a standstill?

Has that happened ever? It is happening now. The whole political system of the world is coming to a gradual

Because everyone is asking the impossible of everyone else before progress is made. Could you give me an example

Lord bless you, my child, I could give you a hundred thousand examples, but let us content ourselves with a look at the situation in Northern Ireland. What do we find in Northern Ireland? I don't know. What do we find

in Northern Ireland? We find Sinn Fein/IRA refusing to call a ceasefire before talks and we find the British refusing to admit them to talks before a ceasefire. Hmm. That's a stand-off, then?

That's not the half of it. The Catholics in Northern Ireland want to be reunited with the South and the Protestants want to remain united with Britain. You can't have both, can you? You can't have either, really. The South doesn't want to be linked up with the Catholics from Northern Ireland and the mainland wants to be shot of Northern Ireland altogether. Anyway, the South has trou-bles of its own.

Like what? Like having to stage the Euro-vision Song Contest in perpe-tuity, which could bankrupt the country. In fact, the Irish government has promised in secret to agree to anything Mr Major proposes if only Britain takes over the Eurovision Song Contest. Mr Major has said this is unacceptable. So the Northern Ireland situation

You mean - nobody wants Northern Ireland? Nobody. Except, possibly, the United States. Why don't we give it to the US?



Miles Kington

They have troubles enough Such as ...? Their stand-off with their

deficit and Japan has a buge surplus and if Japan called in all its debts, the US might go bust. Is that true?

great Asian enemy.

Well, it's more complicated than that, but basically, yes. And if the US went bust, it couldn't tell the rest of the world what to do. What does it tell the rest of the world to do?

Get its act together. Shape up or ship out. Buy American. Come to Atlanta for the Olympics.

America has for the world?

It's not much. Well, if also advises people not to get into a stand-off situation, like Israel and the Arabs. Iran and Iraq, China and Taiwan, Bosnia and everyone

Do people take any notice? No. At least, they won't until America practises what it preaches and ceases its standoff situation with Cuba. You'd think the Americans might have noticed by now that they have been having a stand-off with Cuba for 40 years now and bave signally failed to do anything hut emhitter the

Cuban people. How will the situation get

It won't. It's getting worse. Not only do we have political gridlock, but Britain has gone one worse because, caught in the beef ban traffic jam, Britain has been infected with the political equivalent of road rage and is refusing to collaborate with anyone in Europe. A bit like a car in a country lane refusing to back up to the

only available passing place.

My goodness me. And that's not all. Britain has now started getting in a bad temper with the millennium. Mr Heseltine has said that if not enough money is forthcoming to put on a good show for AD2000, the British government is going to block the millennium.

You mean, pretend it isn't Yes. Or at least, postpone it until AD2004 by various non-

co-operational tactics. Won't this annoy our foreign It can't annoy them any more

than they are already. They can't stand the way we obstruct things, the way we close the game down, the way we kill the ball, the way we play for a draw, the way the British stand-off always gets the ball from the scrum-half and kicks for touch while the crowd shouts: "Oh, for God's sake, pass the ball and open out the game or we're all going to ask for our money back and go home !!" So that's why it's called a stand-

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### the commentators

## Would Labour find the Treasury powerless?

Kenneth Clarke can cut interest rates, but Chancellors are far less powerful than they seem

there should be a cut in base rates - we'll leave aside his reasons for the moment - and interest rates duly fall. Is that an example of the unusual power of the Treasury, unusual, that is, by comparison to other countries, where decisions about interest rates are determined by the central bank, rather than the Treasury? Or is it precisely the reverse: an example of the way in which the Treasury appears powerful to outsiders, but actually has very much less power than many people

This issue is of considerable current importance. There bave long been people - mostly, not always, on the political left - who believe that virtually everything that is wrong with this country is the fault of the Treasury. Every time there is some clear error of economic policy, be it sterling's experience in the Exchange Rate Mechanism or the Lawson boom, the Treasury takes a share of

But in recent weeks the debate bas been given a new twist by two rather different stories. One is a spat between Gordon Brown and John Prescott about the place of the Treasury under a future Labour government. Gordon Brown would like to keep the present departmental structure, but wants to find

ways of increasing its effectiveness m encouraging a better performance by the economy. John Prescott, by cootrast, does not helieve that this is possible; he believes that the ethos of financial control will continue to drive the Treasury to the detrument of the real ecocomy.

The other story was the leaking of an internal Treasury memo, just this week, in which the Treasury acknowledged that it was at least partly to blame for some of the political disasters of the Tory govern-ment. These include the Child Sup-port Agency and the commercialisation of the blood

donor service. The problem is that the Treasury mandarins take too narrow a view of the role of other departments and, by simply apply-ing financial criteria, end up with policy mistakes. Suddenly, Treasuryphobes have not only acquired some new ammunition (now even the Treasury admits it is flawed), but also two mechanisms for firing it (either reform the Treasury a la Brown, or remove some of its economic power, à la Prescott).

We should not feel too sorry for the Treasury, for it has weathered far

serious political challenge to its power - the creation of a separate Department of Economic Affairs, in 1964, run by the then deputy leader of the Labour party, George Brown - ended in chaos with the collapse of George Brown's National Plan. The folk-memory of that experience almost certainly scarred the Labour party sufficiently for it to avoid a rerun should it gain power at the next election.

None the less, there is a power-ful case to be made that while the Treasury is still the most powerful of the government ministries and will remain so, it is already rather less powerful than it seems, and is steadily becoming less and less important as the years go by. It retains the power to make significant mistakes - though it is by no means unique among government depart-ments in that respect - but its posi-tive powers are becoming more and more limited.

occurred yesterday. The Chancellor cut interest rates. Now it is possible that his Treasury advisers disgreed with him about the wisdom of this, but for the purposes of argument let's make the unrealistic greater storms. Perhaps the most assumption that the Treasury and

The most obvious example



Labour will pull levers, but nothing will happen

incumbent Chancellor actually think the same thing. We will know what the Bank of England thought when the minutes are published in six weeks' time. So from the outside it looks as though the Treasury is exercising its power to change interest rates.

But look what actually happened the financial markets. Bank base rates came down, but there was no immediate change in the rate of interest on consumer loans or on credit cards. Some building societies

didn't. And, most crucially, longterm interest rates, as measured by price changes in the gilt market. actually rose. Because the markets distrusted the motives of the Chancellor - or at any rate were unconvinced by his argument in favour of the cut - the actual change in rates to borrowers and savers will be much less than the headline change in base rates.

The interest-rate decision by the Chancellor probably bas some effect, but very much less than the headlines suggest. Had a similar decision been taken by, say, the US Federal Reserve or the German Bundesbank, it would have been much more significant. So in theory our Treasury is unusually powerful having the ability to set interest rates; but in practice that power is very circumscribed.

Much the same point applies to other aspects of the Treasury's work. Taxation? Company taxation is set pretty much by international com-petition, for no developed country can step far out of line without encouraging firms to relocate them-selves. Differences in personal tax rates have narrowed, as high-earn-ers in particular have become

changed their rates, but others increasingly mobile. Even differences in the duty on tobacco and alcohol have tended to close within Europe, as the Calais supermarkets

> Speoding? Big decisions about spending are circumscribed by financial markets: governments can decide to run a big gap between revennes and spending and borrow the difference, but those that do eventually find they are forced to reverse their policies. So there is very little real discretion about the level of public spending. There is some dis-cretion about what should or should not be in the public sector. Should, for example, governments sell off nationalised industries? But that is not a Treasury decision; and as vir-tually every government in the world is busy privatising large chunks of its economy, the political decision is more one of timing than of direction. And, of course, the more of the economy that is in the private sector, the less the Treasury is involved

> in its investment decisions. None of this is to say that the Treasury is unimportant, for incompetence in running public finance can do a lot of damage. Over-zealous attempts to micro-manage the budgets of other Whitehall depart-

as that leaked memo admits. Everywhere, top-down authoritarian managerial styles do not achieve the objectives they intend, because they take away responsibility from people who know what they are actually doing. Here the Treasury is simply catching up with good management practice, and not before time.

The big issue is surely different. There is a grand historical process taking place that is reducing the power of governments as taxers and spenders and increasing their power as regulators. The Treasury controls taxing and spending. Other agencies regulate. Becoming a clever regula-tor is becoming as important as being an efficient taxer and an astute

In Britain, the trappings of power are always substitutes for real power. The House of Lords, the Royal Family, the Foreign Office, the Lord Mayor of London, all appear powerful. But of course they matter less and less. I'm sure the Treasury is heading, albeit more slowly, in the same direction. A new Labour government would discover just that. They will pull the levers at the Treasurv and expect things to happen, but they will find that at the other end no one pays that much attention

## Invasion of the prying press



Andrew Marr, editor of the *Independent*, defends legitimate journalistic inquiry but draws the line at intrusion for entertainment

secret vice. Millions of readers of all kinds of oewspapers are hyp-ocrite-voyeurs, priggish about the press and privacy when they talk, yet finding their eyes drawn irresistibly to tales of marital intrigue, illicit bumping and private grief as the paper flicks open. The people fools: we understand the hypocrisy, we forgive it, we pander to the baser instincts and ignore the sanctimony as so much meaningless waffle. Sex sells papers. Pain sells papers.

Savagery sells papers.

And the great thing about journalism is that it always moves on The victims of the doorstep raid, the snatched interview, the pursued children are left bobbing along behind, forgotten and unregarded. The readers have been entertained; that round has been fired, the next is already being loaded. And it is very unlikely that the reporter, still less the editor, will

ever meet the victim again. Except, of course, on those very rare occasions when the victim bappens to be another member of the small club of journalists, and calls foul, as Polly Toynbee did on the Independent's front page so spec-

tacularly yesterday. The Daily Mail had mounted an aggressive investigation of her (unsensational) private life because of her bberal views on divorce and other issues. Friends and oeighbours were harassed. She responsible and giving them a good verbal belting.

who make oewspapers are not too, this sort of behaviour makes it all most embarrassing

> No one should be exposed because it is fun, or sells

papers

very regrettable. It is in the family. Chaps who meet at dinner parties find it bard to meet one another's eyes. Ob dear.

A few readers found Polly's

account of being harassed by the Daily Mail an example of ournalistic navel-gazing. But it sometimes takes someone with the power of a platform to blow the whistle on a wider problem. It wasn't that ber experience was specially bad. She was being attacked by the Mall for her views rather than her behaviour.

But by the standards of many victims, Roynbee's experience of being harassed was mild and brief.

Yet most people I've spoken to were startied by the story. Here, we were dismayed to be bit back, naming the journalists told by Mail people that their intention was merely to let ber "squirm" for a few days as a Because she is a journalist punishment for her views. We were shocked when a Daily Mail executive told us that they had decided not to run the story because a young boy was involved ... but went on to say that if Polly wrote about what had happened, the Mail might well change its mind.

We were struck, too, by the number of people who contacted the paper yesterday to recount their tales of harassment over relatively minor sex "stories" or untrue rumours. Some were famous names, others not. But what was really striking was that, although the events were common knowledge, almost all of them said they didn't want to go public ... they were frightened of retali-ation by the Mail, or the Sun, or

One shouldn't be startled, shocked or struck by any of this. It is a common-enough occurrence and is rarely discussed only because it isn't in the inter-



ests of the press to talk about it. We all keep quiet. We are all "in the trade", aren't we?

No we aren't. Freedom of the press is basic to our protection from arbitrary private or state power. The right of journalists, like other citizens, to ask questions, probe and challenge is essential to that freedom. Following complex financial dealings, dodgy share arrangements, the plundering of public assets ... all these are difficult things that require probing or, to put it more bluntly, intrusion. Sniffing out double-standards and hypocrisy also means, on occa-

sion, reporting the gap between what powerful people say and what they do in bed or behind closed doors. But more and more intrusive

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dictive. It is there, in all the

tabloid papers, because readers are judged to like explicit sex stories and, vicariously, to share the bunters' thrill as another middle-aged scalp is taken, or another daughter shamed. It isn't an attack on the powerful. It is exposure for exposure's sake, directed at anyone whom anyone has ever heard of and, increasingly, people no

one has heard of. If you are the relative of someone who won the lottery, or if your dad was famous in the Seventies, or if you were on Mastermind, you're fair game.

None of this has anything to do with freedom of the press. It is entertainment, sometimes with the willing connivance of greedy or stupid subjects, and at other times an emotional blood sport. It makes me a supporter, in principle, of privacy legisla-

Thatcher's hard-won rebate - was sents a small proportion of our com-

tion that distinguishes sex from finance, and includes an overriding public interest defence. There is oo reason why MPs

or journalists or anyone else in the public eye who are hyp-ocrites shouldn't be exposed. But no one should be exposed simply because it is fun, or sells papers, or belps make an ideological point. And for anyone who isn't a public figure, their private lives should stay firmly

Almost every well-educated graduate in the country seems to want to be a journalist. People fight and lobby to get a toe-hold in this lucrative, fast-mov-ing business. One of the reasons is the journalism myth as fostered by the Watergale film and many more - the myth seekers, confronting power and

An everyday story of how the 'Daily Mail' digs its dirt - and how to throw it back





coming off best. But what bap-

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into something very different,

something utterly debased - the

bullying of vulnerable people.

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journalism to fight against. By

the Daily Mail yesterday, Polly Toynbee broke a journalistic

the trade. If so, it's a welcome and a necessary war and one

taboo. She may well bave sparked off a small civil war in In short, they become the same problem they joined relish.

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## Beware of fibs in Euro-sceptic clothing

Membership of Europe isn't adding £20 to your food bills or ruining the economy, says John Lichfield

The figure was broadcast to the

nation as part of a two-minute survey of the costs and beoefits of EU membership by Peter Jay, the BBC economics editor, former British ambassador to Washington and a man of considerable prestige and eminence. But consider for a moment the

implications of the number (as Mr Jay presumably did oot). The average British household, according to the Government, spends a total of £31 a week oo food. Can £20 of this really be the fault of Brussels? If the BBC is right, 66p of every pound we spend on food should be blamed on the margin by which EU farm prices are higher than "world" prices. Put another way, if we were outside the EU, the average British family would oeed only £10 a week to feed itself.

There must be another explanation and there is: Mr Jay's figure is absolute nonsense. Based on the only recent detailed study of the subject, by Erasmus University in Rotterdam, a more accurate figure would be £3.69 a week

extra per bousehold. This is nothing for the EU to be

be BBC Nine of Clock News informed us the other night that the higher price of food inside the European Union costs the average British household an extra £20 a week.

If true, this is a stupendously scandalous figure. We should leave the EU immediately. of £6.57 a week: significant enough, but less than one third of the BBC figure. My point is not to defend the CAP.

It is oo longer the voracious, moneyeating and mountain-spawning mon-ster of the Eighties but further retrenchment and reform is needed (and planned). My point is to issue a health warning about all figures used by Euro-sceptics - and some used by Euro-fanatics - on the costs and advantages of EU membership.

The £20 figure used by Mr Jay has been current in Enro-sceptic circles for years. Its provenance is a mystery. It was oever remotely accurate. It has been handed down from Teddy Taylor speech to Daily Telegraph editorial until it bas assumed the force of canon law.

Another egregious example is the number that has been quoted for the past eight years as the annual amount lost from the EU budget by fraud. At the risk of breaking the journalistic brotherhood's vow of silence, I can reveal a startling fact. This figure -£6bn - was invented from fresh air by members of the Brussels press corps when the European Commission

refused to give them a precise num-ber (largely because no one truly knows). It has been used by the British press ever since; it has no basis in reality. The real figure could be higher, but it is most likely far less. The proven figure is just over £1ho a year.

Beef war or oo beef war, we have been engaged for years in a propa-ganda battle in which the Euro-sceptics have generally had all the best lines. The European Union is far from

If the BBC's figure were true, we should leave the EU immediately

perfect; no political institutioo is. But it is remarkable how much the attitudes of even intelligent, Euro-positive or Euro-realistic people in this country have been shaped by dubious Euro facts. (Some of the blame for this must fall on the European Commission for failing to counter the most egregious

falsehoods more vigorously).

Mr Jay's report on Monday evening contained two other doubtful elaims. He said the British net contribution to Europe - the difference between our payments to Brussels and EU spending in Britain, including Lady running at £3.5bn. This was based on a misreading of incomplete figures for 1995-96. The British government puts the figure at £2.9bn and this is likely to be revised downwards. In 1994, the last year for which final figures are available, the UK net contribution was £897m or roughly £16 a head. Five other EU countries made higher per capita net payments than we did. In any case, the figures are not so

buge. England's net contribution to Scotland - the difference between Scottish taxes and UK government spending in Scotland - is running at £7bn. (Perhaps it is time for England to leave that Union too).

Mr Jay also implied that Britain was getting a raw deal in its trade with the other EU countries. He reported that in 1994 we ran a trade deficit of £7.5bn with the rest of the EU but bad a £6bn trade surplus with the rest of the world. Implication: we should trade more with the world and less

The 1994 figures are a misleading snapshot takeo from a sequence that tells quite a different story. In the 21 years of British membership of the EU, up to 1994, our combined deficit with the rest of the world was 50 per cent worse than our deficit with Europe. Deficits are in any case only a small part of the picture. The deficit with the EU - though real and something we should seek to cure - repre- us to believe.

bined trade with our European partners: now running at about £78bn in and £74bn out. Over 43 per cent of all our exports of goods and services now go to the EU. Since 1975 they have grown by seven and a half times; our exports to the non-EU have grown by two and a half-times. What really matters is the volume of economic activity, and the pace of export growth, oot the marginal deficit. Economic and political arguments

for and against the EU are used disbooestly by both sides. For the diehards of both camps, the core argument is political, not economic. Would Euro-sceptics still be against EU membership on nationalist grounds even if it was manifestly causing great prosperity in Britain? Would Euro-federalists be for EU membership on peace, security and romantic grounds if it was manifestly causing great economic suffering? Sometimes one suspects that the answer would be ves in both cases.

In truth, the EU is oot causing us great economic suffering or vast prosperity. The figures are not as conclusive as pro-Europeans would like, but they are, overall, encouraging for those who believe Britain's best future, economically and politically, is with Europe. The numbers are oowhere oear as negative as the Euro-sceptics - and the BBC TV news - would like

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## Bernard Sendall

structure of the Independent Television Authority, as it was first called.

The chief architect was Sir Robert Fraser, born in Australia and recruited into journalism before the war by Harold Laski. He had been a wartime member of the Ministry of Information. The flurry of indigoation among Conservative politicians when Fraser was selected as the first Director-General was well illustrated by David Low in a 1954 cartoon published in the Manchester Guardian which showed a gaggle of Blimps clad in towels demonstrating outside the ITA's headquarters. What they did not realise was that Fraser's socialist ardour was cooling and that he increasingly felt that a monopoly in television was in-consistent with a free and

democratic society.
Sendall, his Deputy Director-General, had also worked in the Mol as the private secretary to the Minister, Brendan Bracken. The third member of this triumvirate was Tony Pragnell, formerly an Assistant Principal at the General Post Office, who joined the ITA as Assistant Secretary in 1954, becoming Secretary in 1955 and second Deputy Director-General in

Sendall and Pragnell were quite different in style, as Lord Hill of Luton, a later ITA chairman, remarked in his memoirs. Bernard was thoughtful, unobtrusive and civilised, concealing a considerable strength behind a geotle manner; not least important, the companies trusted him. Tony was coolly and calmly efficient, with a passion for detail and a mastery of the facts; he never allowed emotioo to colour his judge-

The work of these three, under the general direction of the ITA's first chairman, Sir Kenneth Clark, was to establish the framework in which the new programme companies would operate, and to belp decide which should be franchised. In addition, Sendall had particular responsibilities for the supervision of programmes

to terms of policy and taste. Sendall was the one member of the authority who regularly attended the Monday morning meetings of the Programme son, to whom he was closely controllers Group, the powerful team representing the leading programme companies which determined the main framework of TTV's schedule each week. Unlike the others around the table he had never made programmes himself, but be held clear and decisive views on what was worth transmitting to the whole country. His comment that one TTV light entertainment programme was "distressingly popular" became part of the folklore.

Sendall weot to the elementary school in Malvern where his father was headmaster, and from there won a scholarship to the Royal Grammar School, Worcester. At the age uf 16 he won a Demyship in Modern History at Magdalen College, Oxford. He graduated at 20 with

Bernard Sendall was one of a a First in Modern History and trio of remarkably talented civ-il servants who established the Greats. He then bad a year as

Information.

After the war Sendali helped to convert the MoI into the new Central Office of Information, and in 1951 he was seconded as Controller of the Festival of Britain Office. As the top civil servant on the team, he was responsible both for the money and the conscience of the festival's planners, who greatly appreciated his imaginative and flexible approach to problems. He was appointed CBE for this work. He then had a further spell at the Admiralty before moving into television.

Sendall retired in 1977 and received the gold medal of the Royal Televisioo Society for outstanding service to television. He then started work on the first two volumes on the history of independent television. He gave a fascinating account of the vi-cissitudes of the early years of ITV, how it came near to financial collapse and how it recovered to become an integral



part of British life. A degenerative illness tragically curtailed his authorship of subsequent volumes. He was well sustained through this long privation by his wife Barbara and her

#### Leonard Miall

30 April 1913; n private secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty 1939-41; Principal Private Sec-retury to the Minister of Information 1941-45; Controller (Home), Central Office of In-51: Assistant Secretary, Admiralty dependent Broadcasting .4uthority 1972-77; author of Independent Television in Britain, volume i 1982, volume ü 1983; married 1953 Barbara Steward (née Coviello); died London 25 May 1996.

a Henry Fellow at Harvard. He joined the Home Civil Service in 1935 and worked first

at the Admiralty, where, ooce the Second World War had started, he served as one of the three private secretaries of the First Lord, Winston Churchill Later he become the Principal Private Secretary to Breodan Bracken, Chur-chill's choice as Minister of



Bernard Charles Sendail, television administrator: born Malvern formation 1946-49; Controller, Festival of Britain Office 1949-1951-55: CBE 1952: Deputy Director-General, Independent Television Authority 1955-72. InJohn S. Goodall

Through his children's books, and his Victorian and Edwar-dian albums, John Strickland In the 1930s, Goodall worked mainly as an illustrator, for such magazines as the Radio Times and the Bystander. He Goodall hecame one of England's best-loved artists. The realso painted landscapes, interiors and conversation pieces, mostly in watercolour, which he markable feature of his books is that they were all completely designed and illustrated by preferred to painting in oil. him, and none of them cootained a single word, beyond the

title-page.
He was born in Norfolk in and held his first exhibition in Calcutta in 1943. After the war 1908, and came from a long line of doctors. He showed great talent for art at Harrow School, he and his wife settled oear Tisbury, in Wiltshire. Their deand his father reluctantly agreed that be could study drawing with two artist friends of his, Sir Arthur Stockdale Cope, and John Watson Nicol, both formidable relics of the Victorian age, "I was trained to be a mid-Victorian art student," Goodall recalled. From 1925 to 1929 he attended the Royal

During the Second World War he was posted to India, where he worked in camouflage,

lightful cottage, with its large garden, and small studio shed, was to feature in many of Goodall's pictures. Margaret fell ill in 1970, and was thereafter mostly confined to bed. Goodall nursed ber devotedly, leaving the house only once a week. This enforced seclusion led him to concentrate on children's books and it was this, paradoxically, that was to

would usually work on these books as be sat by her bedside. In format they were small and rectangular, with alternating whole and balf pages. They featured the adventures of various animals - Paddy Pork, Naughty Nancy, and Shrew-bettina. Other titles included Lavinia's Cottage (1982) and Creepy Castle (1975). Although they were wordless, the skill, charm and wit of these books appealed to children, and their parents, all over the world, and made Goodall one of Macmillan's best-selling authors. "John-ny" Goodall loved children, and they loved him, and were constantly in and out of his studio. He also produced some historical books such as Above and Below Stairs (1983), The Story of an English Village (1978) and Great Days of n Country House (1991), which showed a Betje-

history and social habits.

In addition to his children's books, Goodall produced books of Victorian and Edwardian sceoes, such as An Edwardian Season (1979) and Victorians Abroad (1980), using the same format and techniques. These too were an enormous success. and are to be found in the spare bedrooms of almost every country bouse in England. They reflect not only his meticulous research, but also Goodall's genuine feeling for the spirit of the Victorian and Edwardian age. He was, after all, an Edwardian himself.

Out of these books Goodall developed his many delightful watercolours of Edwardian life, mainly landscapes or beach scenes, or scenes involving the Season, such as Cowes or Ascot. They are painted in a delightfully fluid style, using watercolour and bodycolour, and are reminiscent of Eugène

When I first saw one of these watercolours in the saleroom, I hurried to my dictionary to dig up the facts on the forgotten Victorian artist, only to find that John Strickland Goodall, despite a resoundingly Victorian name, was alive and well and living in Wiltshire. Not only that but be lived in Tisbury, where I had a house at that time. Nearby friends arranged a speedy in-troduction, and in 1984 my gallery held our first exhibition of Goodall's work, it was one of the most successful exhibitions we ever had, and we had many more thereafter, even when Goodall was well into his eighties. His touch never failed him, even up to the end. In a

sense, he was the last of the Victorians. In 1989 his wife died and, for the first time in 20 years, Goodall was able to travel, and paint where be liked. This produced a wonderful final burst of creative work, mainly landscapes in Wiltshire, or views in France and Portugal, where be staved with his old friend Ken Slater. His landscapes, particularly those of his beloved River Nadder, often with his daughter Sarah fishing, were masterly essays in the impressionist style, and show him in his

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true artistic colours. As a man, his three outstanding characteristics were his gentleness, his humour, and his modesty. As an artist, he was a joy to deal with. He rarely came to London, usually only for the opening party of his ex-hibitions, where his fans and admirers flocked to meet bim. Christopher Wood

John Strickland Goodall, artist: born Heacham. Norfolk 7 June 1908; morried 1933 Margaret Nicol (died 1989; one daughter); died Shuftesbury, Dorset 2 June



lead to his greatest success. He

An elegant and inspired composer, Don Grolnick was a gifted musician whose talents went far beyond his piano and keyboard work, and indeed beyond the realms of jazz where be was held in such high regard. He worked with Steely Dan

Academy Schools, where be

met his future wife, Margaret

during the Seventies and played on their albums Royal Scam (1976) and Aja (1977). He appeared also on Bonnie Raitt's Street Lights and Linda Rontadt's What's New? albums a New York club, that he first (1974 and 1983) and on other sets by Bette Midler, Roberta Flack, Carly Simon and, over a long period, James Taylor, working as Taylor's musical director and producer as well as

his keyboard player. Grolnick began playing jazz when he was a child. "In those days accordion salesmen used to persuade people that if your son or daughter wants to play piano some day but you can't afford a piano, here's something that's like a piano, it's small and it's not too much money - and that's exactly what happened with mc. I had an accordion and l played it from when I was about eight to when I was 10-or 11, and then my grandparents gave us their piano."

When he left Tufts University, in New York, where be had studied philosophy, he joined Dreams, in 1971, a jazz-rock band in whose ranks were Randy and Michael Brecker, both later significant figures on the jazz scene. It was when Grolnick joined Steps, a band formed in 1979 by

the vibraphone player Mike Mainieri for an informal booking at Seventh Avenue South, came to the attention of jazz fans. A Japanese recording company was interested enough to invite the band to Japan and it made two albums there in one week. As Steps Ahead (it transpired there was already a band named Steps) they became one of the great successes of the Eightics. The band included the awe-inspiring tenor saxophone work of Michael Brecker, one of the most gifted players of all time, his brother Randy oo trumpet, Eddie Gomez on bass and the drummer Steve Gadd. Grolnick left the band in

1983, having become disen-chanted with its policy move from a be-bop-based jazz towards a more synthesised electronic sound. He left amicably

and explained the group's library to his successor, another virtuoso, Eliane Elias. She played on the band's next album which included a version of Grolnick's powerful composition, "Pools". Grolnick himself recorded the piece on his first album, Hearts and Numbers, in 1986. Woody Herman too used an arrangement of it for his band. "I heard from a trombone player in Woody's band," end of Woody's life he would cocasionally forget the tune's title and say, 'And now we're going to do a tune by a young composer and it's called

Grolnick was befriended by the composer and bandleader Gil Evans - one of his greatest influences. "When I was doing gigs in New York he came to most of them," Grolnick said. "It was an incredible bonour to me that he would come and make a point of telling me that be enjoyed those gigs."
In 1989 he recorded anoth-

er seminal album, Weaver of Drenms, on which he used the Breckers, and then in 1992, for the same label, Blue Note, be produced Nighttown again using



Groinick: 'I need more stience in my life'

Lovano on tenor and the English bassist Dave Holland, An exceptional composition by

Grolnick, "Heart of Darkness", was the highlight of the album. One of his productions as an album producer, Michael Breeker's Don't Try This at Home, won a Grammy Award in 1988.

Latin jazz became a prime in-

terest for Grolnick and in 1994

he led a Latin band at the Blue

Randy Brecker but adding Joe Note club in New York and toured Europe and Japan with it. Warner Bros are to release an album by the band, Medianoche, in August.

Towards the end of his career Grolnick had cut out commercial studio work - be had been a composer and player of commercial jingles - and tried to devote himself entirely to jazz. "I've nothing against any of this work. I don't like to get self-

righteous about it, but for me what happened was that if I was trying to write and I'd been doing a lot of other work I just had these other sounds in my ear and it was hard to write. I need more silence in my life."

Photograph: David Redfern

Don Grolnick, pianist and composer: born Now York 23 September 1947; married; died New York 1 June 1996.

### Births, Marriages & Deaths

Births

CLEMENTS: Jo and Peter Clements are delighted to amounce the birth of a beautiful baby son, Alastair James Mackenzie Mason Clements, on Friday 29 March 1996, at 6.53am. weighing 3.77kg. First grandchild (or Jackie, Bill, Mary and Jim, GIEDROYC: On 3 June, to Dorothee

and Miko, a son, Melchior Ernst Graham Mathias, a brother for Anna LEVIN: At Whiston, on 25 May, to Linda thee Hewitt) and Adrian, a daughda (née Hewitt) and Ar ter, Sarah Alexandra.

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MALLETT: Peter. On Wednesday 5
June, suddenly at home, the Venerable Peter Mallett CB, loving and
much-lowed husband of Joan, tother
of Judy. Pippa and Jonathan and
proud grandfather of Jonty, Natalie.
Polly and Rory. Chaplain-General to
the Forces 1974-80. Fugeral service
in Keut on Mooday 17 June. Family
Bowers only please, but donations if
wished to the British Heart Foundation. Details of a Service of Thanksgiving in July to follow later.
WILSON: John Smart Gladstone, on 5

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WILSON: John Smart Gladstone, on 5
June, aged 79 years, beloved husband
of Beryl, Professor of Economics at
the University of Hull 1959-82. Funeral service at Chanterlands Crematorium, Hull, on Tuesday 11 June
at 11am, Large Chapel. No flowers,
but donations to Hull University Social Services Organisation. Enquiries
to H. Kemp & Son, 01482 844695.

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#### Birthdays

Lady Elizabeth Anson, party planner, 55; Mr Derek Barron, former chair-man and chief executive, Ford Mofor Co. 67: The Right Rev Michael Baughen, Bishop of Chester, 66; Miss Ann Beach, actress and singer, 58; Sir Wilfred Cockcroft, chairman, Educational Project Resources, 73; Mr David Coleridge, former chairman of Lloyd's, 64; Miss Eliz-abeth Counsell, actress, 54; Sir Murray Fox, former Lord Mayor of London, 84; Mr Martyn Goff, chairman, Book Trust, 73; Mr James Ivory, film director, 68; Mr Peter Jones, former director, Atomic Weapons Research Establishment, 71; Mr Tom Jones, singer, 56; Mr Jaime Laredo, violinist, 55; Lord Luke, life president. Electrolox, 91; Sir Eric McDowell, chairman, Capita Management Consultants, 71; Miss Virginia McKenna, actress, 65; Mr Prince Rogers Nelson, rock mu-sician, 36; Mr Thomas Arfon Owen, former director, Welsh Arts Coun-cil, 63; Mr Michael Pennington, ac-tor and writer, 53; Mr Ronald Pickup, actor, 56; Mr Neal Radford, crickerer, 30; Mr Jun Bare Commercial Conference 39: Mr Jim Rose, former chairman Penguin Books, 87: The Very Rev John A. Simpson, Dean of Canter-bury, 63; Professor Sir William Stewart, former Chief Scientific Advise Cabinet Office, 61; The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, former Deputy Chief Whip, 39; Mr Norman Strouse, popular composer, 68; Mr John Turner QC, former prime min-

### ister of Canada, 67; Mr Mark Young, trade union leader, 67.

Anniversaries Births: John Rennie, civil engineer, 1761; George Bryan "Bean" Brum-mel, English dandy, 1778; Sir James Young Simpson, pioneer of childrigh anaesthetics, tSII; Richard Doddridge Blackmore, novelist, 1825; Eugène Henri-Paul Gauguin, painter, 1848; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, 1868; Imre Nagy, Hungarian leader, 1896. Deaths: Robert I (the

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Harlow (Harlean Carpenter), ac-

schild), poet and journalist, 1967; Ed-ward Morgan Foster, novelist, 1970; Elizabeth Josephine Craig, cookery writer, 1980; Henry Valentine Miller, novelist, 1980; Dennis Christopher

George Potter, playwright and scriptwriter, 1994. On this day: the Crusaders arrived before Jerusalem, 1099; King Henry VIII of England and King Francis I of France met near Calais at the Field of the Cloth of Gold, 1520; the foundation stone of the first Royal Exchange in London was laid, 1566; the Addled Parliament, during which no enactment was made, was dissolved, 1614; the Cumade, was dissolved, 1014; the Cli-nard liner Lusiania was launched, 1906; the first parliament of North-em Ireland opened, 1921; the Vati-can City was set up in Rome, 1929; the musical show Annie Get Your Gun opened in London, 1947. Today is the Feast Day of St Antony Gianelli, St Colman of Dromore, St Gottschalk,

tress, 1937; Dorothy Parker (Roth-

#### and St Willihald

Luncheons Atlantic Council Sir Richard Luce, Chairman of the Atlantic Council of the United King-dom, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the New Cavendish Club, London W1, following a meeting of the Study Group on Renew-ing and Redefining the Atlantic Alliance Mr Ahn Lee Williams, Di-

St Meriadoc or Meriasck, St Paul 1

of Constantinople, St Robert of Newminster, St Vulflagus or Wulphy

#### rector, also spoke.

Dinners Arthritis and Rheumatism Council Lady Jane Grosvenor, Chairman of Regional Organisation, Arthritis and Rhenmatism Council, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, London EC2, to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the charity. Mrs Pat Fromberg was the host. The First Act Opera Company gave a celebraiory performance of The Burber

of Seville before dinner.

#### **Durham University**

The annual meeting of Convocation will be held at 11.30am on Saturday 22 June 1996 in the Union Society Dehating Chamber, Pemberton Building, Palace Green, Durham. The annual report will be given by Professor E. Ebsworth, Vice-Chancellor and Warden, Durham University. For further information, please contact the University Office, Old Shire Hall, Old Elvet, Durham

#### Appointments Mr Marcus Hope, to be Amba

(non-resident) to the Republic of the Mr Brisn Harvey and Mr Ken Win berg, to be executive members of the Legal Aid Board. Dr Stuart Hill, to be Chief Land Reg istrar and Chief Executive of HM

Land Registry.
Judge Michael John Astill, to be a Justice of the High Court. Mrs Jessica Ruth Hill, to be a fulltime chairman of Industrial Tri-

Mr Owen Wheldon Williams, to be a district judge, assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit. Mr Paul Gamba, to be a district judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Mr Thomas Brendan Hegarty QC, to be a circuit judge, assigned to the Northern Circuit. The Duke of Edinburgh, re-elected Master of the Corporation of Trini-

#### tv House. Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be beld tomorrow may be obtained by

telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 9pm. United Synanogues: 0171-387 4300. Federation of Synanogues: 0181-202 2263. Uniou of Liberal and Progressive Synanogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synanogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synanogues of Great Britain: 0181-349 4731. Spanish and Partuguese Jens Cau-L Spanish and Portuguese Jews Con-pation: 0171-289 2573, New London agogue (Monorti); 0171-328 1026.

#### Royal Ascot

To avoid delay at the Voucher Ex-change Offices at the Racecourse during the Royal Ascot meeting (18-1) exchange voucher holders may 1) exchange vouchers by post to the Ascot Office, St James's Palace, London SW1A 1BP, up to Wednes-day 12 June; 2) exchange vouchers at St James's Palace, Mariborough Road entrance on Thursday 13 June. Friday 14 June and Monday 17 June een the hours of 10am and Spm; or 3) exchange vonchers on Monday 17 June at the Royal En-closure Voucher Exchange Officer at Ascot Raccourse between the hours

#### of 11am and 7pm. Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Artists as Collectors (1): Van Dyck and Titian, The Vendramin Family", Victoria and Albert Museum: Ann Pecriess, "Stories in Indian Art (i)".

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

## The Queen and The Duke of Ediphungh vish Menorside. The Prince of Wides visits St Minver School, Vendebridge. Comwall; and as Duke of Mensynide. The Prince of Wales vision St Minner School, Wadebrrige, Conwell, and in Duke of Conwell, which wheelers of Conwell Show, the Showjround, Wadebridge. The Duke of Wark, Patron, opens the Northern Police Convaluence. Home. Cashelute, at Anchieranter, Pertheline, and as Patron, Indiae Seiling Time, attends the Social Convention of the Social State, attends the Social Convention of Patron, Indiae Seiling Time, attends the Social Convention of Patron, Indiae Seiling Time, attends the Social Convention of Patron, Indiae Manusch, Indiae Seiling Time, attends the John Seiling Social State of Patron, Indiae Continuation of Social Seiling Convention of Social Antonia Library of Social Seiling Convention of Social Seiling, George Heriof's School, Edinburgh, Social Seiling, George Heriof's School, Edinburgh James Seiling, Social Seiling, George Heriof's School, Edinburgh, Social Seiling, George Heriof's School, Edinburgh James Seiling, Social Seiling, S

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### Council scheme was unlawful

Credit Suisse v Allerdale Borough Council; Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hobbouse) 8 May 1996

A local authority acted ultra vires when, in nrder to circumvent spending controls, it devised a scheme involving the setting-up of a company to de-velop a timeshare and leisure pool complex and then guaranteed repayment by the company of a £6m bank loan.

The purpose of the scheme was to enable the local authority to provide the leisure pool, its construction being funded out of profits from sales of timeshare units. But sales of the units failed to meet expectations and the company weot into liquidation. The hank then claimed against the local authority under the

guarantee The Court of Appeal af-furned the decision of Mr Jus-tice Coleman ([1995] 1 Lloyd's Rep 315) dismissing the claim of the bank, Credit Suisse, against Allerdale Borough Council, for £5,233,312.85 due under a contract of guarantee dated 23 May 1986.

Christopher Clarke QC and Catherine Otton-Goulder (Clyde & Co) for the appellant bank: Jules Sher QC and John Howell QC (Ward Hadaway. Newcastle upon Tyne) for the council.

Lord Justice Neill said that at the material time in 1986 and 1987 the capital expenditure of district councils was subject to the provisions of the Local Government, Planning and of the power to provide recre-

#### LAW REPORT

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Land Act 1980, under Schedule 12 of which the acquisitioo of land and the construction of huildings was subject to con-trol. Their power to borrow money for capital schemes was likewise under tight restraint. Against this background the council considered the use of a company to borrow the funds needed for what were thought desirable

developments in its area. Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 provided: A local authority may provide ... such recreational facilities as it thinks fit and ... the powers conferred by this subsection to provide facilities include the powers to provide buildings, equipment, supplies and assistance of any kind ...

Section 111(1) of the Local Government Act 1972

A local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not in-volving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money...) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to the discharge. nf any of their functions.

The bank argued that these provisions between them empowered the council to set up a company in order to provide recreational facilities and to guarantee its borrowing.

In his Lordship's view, the words "assistance of any kind" in section 19 had to be construed in their context, as part

ational facilities, and the beneficiaries were intended to be those using the facilities. The words could not be construed to mean that assistance could be given to those providing the

facilities. In considering an authority's implied powers under section 111. it was necessary to identify the relevant statutory functions. The word "functions" embraced all the duties and powers of a local authority, the sum total of the activities wbich Parliament had en-

trusted to it. The 1972 Act already provided the means by which the council could accomplish its functions under section 19, namely by means of its power to borrow, as defined and limited in the code established by Schedule 13 to that Act.

One had to look at the statutory powers of local authorities as a whole. The only implied power could be for the council itself to borrow money. The implied powers in section 111 did not provide an escape route from the statutory controls imposed by central

government. Neither the setting-up of the company nor the provision of the guarantee fell within its express or implied powers, and they were accordingly ulmo vires and an invalid exercise of

the council's powers. It followed that the council's decision to enter into the contract was void and therefore unenforceable.

Paul Magrath, Barrister

Clarke and George: conflicting views on interest rates

May 1995: interest rates held at 6.75 per cent, after rising 0.5 per cent in December

1994, and 0.5 per cent in February 1995.

increased 0.5 per cent immediately. Ken: Unconvinced that rates should be

December 1995: Interest rate out a quarter point to 6.5 per cent.

Eddie: Chances of achieving inflation target had improved, making a case for a

Ken: it is not so much whether interest.

January 1995: Rates out a further quarter point to 6.25 per cent.

Eddie: Expressed concerns that authorities might lose credibility if it was preceived that they would lower rates at

the first opportunity. However, he did not

some later date. Ken: Agreed with Governor's longer term

view, and said he was prepared to raise rates. later this year if necessary.

ters hold their annual Dor-

neywood meeting this weekend

to kick off discussions of this

year's Budget strategy. The Chancellor is due to give his Mansion House speech, tradi-tionally on monetary policy.

Sterling lost more than a

pfennig in value against the

mark yesterday, closing at

DM23380. The short sterling fu-

tures market soared, but con-

tinued to point to base rates back

near 7 per cent a year from now.

next Wednesday.

rates should be reduced, but by how

cut in interest rates.

Eddie. Wanted interest rates to be

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## Rate cut leaves rise within a year

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

markets betting that rates will have to rise again within the next 12 months.

mixed. Many analysts argued that it was a political move and likely to have been opposed by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England.

stage of the cycle when mixed signals on the economy mean policy-makers make mistakes. Mr Clarke should not have cut interest rates," said James Barty, UK economist at the investment bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

David Walton at Goldman sachs said the Governor prob-

does leave a nagging doubt that the politics is coming into

Geoffrey Dicks, an economist at NatWest Markets, noting that Mr Clarke had promised to raise rates later if necessary,

Speaking about its Inflation would be above its 2.5 per cent

However, recent figures showing continuing recession in manufacturing industry, com-bined with the strength of the pound, allowed Mr Clarke to make out a good case for reducing the cost of borrowing. "I am satisfied that this modest fur-ther cut in interest rates is fully consistent with my target of inflation below 2.5 per cent," he

The Chancellor's panel of

on the "ouput gap" coinciden-tally published yesterday morn-ing, they concluded that the economy had room to grow at a faster rate than normal for three to five years without caus-

ing a rise in underlying inflation. Even so, some of the panel's members had doubts about the latest reduction. Martin Weale of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research said: "If there is an economic justification for yesterday's rate cut, it is the rise in the exchange rate. But will the Chancellor put rates up again if necessary? Probably not."

Sterling's index against a range of other currencies has gained 5 per cent this year. According to the Treasury's rule of thumb, this is equivalent in effect to an in-crease of more than 1 per cent in base rates. The higher pound will help reduce already weak in-

flationary pressure.

Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC Markets, predicted that base rates will have to fall even further to offset the impact of the strong currency on manufacturing.

Simon Briscoe at the Japan ese bank Nikko agreed: "There can be little doubt after this move that if the economy is weak in the next couple of months the Chancellor will be prepared to cut rates."

However, yesterday's economic statistics provided more evidence for a healthy pace of economic recovery. Last month saw the eighth successive annual increase in the volume of retail sales, according to the CBI's survey of the distributive trades. The pace of growth was a

little slower than April, and less

than expected. However, re-

since December 1988, despite the fact that their recent expectations have been consistently disappointed.

Alastair Eperon, chairman of

tailers' optimism about future

sales returned to its highest

the CBI's distributive trades panel, welcomed the emergence of a "feel-better mood" Estate agents Black Horse

brought news of a property shortage as thousands of potential buyers re-entered the housing arena. It said 43 per cent of its offices had reported

a shortage of three- or four-bedroom semi-detached houses.

David Wood, managing director, said: "Buyers are obviously judging now as the right

time to re-enter the market, or buy for the first time." According to the Halifax's figures, house prices have climbed

at an annualised rate of 12 per cent so far this year. Separate figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) yesterday showed that new car

registrations last month were 8.5

per cent higher than a year ear-

lier. The SMMT was particularly encouraged by a sharp rise in retail purchases.

Venture capitalists 3i reported that optimism among small and medium-sized companies had risen for the second quarter running, especially those not involved in manufacturing.

In addition, the number of companies going into receivership rose between April and May but was a third lower than a year earlier, according to accountancy firm Deloitte and Touche. There was a particularly significant drop in the South-east.

oppose an immediate cut. Ken: Believed that a quarter point reduction was prudent and consistent with 6.99, said it would drop the cost of its mortgages by a further 0.25 per cent, while Alliance & March 1996: Another quarter point out Leicester and most other morttakes rates down to 6 per cent Eddie: The Governor saw a case for some early, modest falls in rates that were consistent with meeting inflation targets. He said, though, that there was a possibility that rates would have to rise at

gage lenders hinted they too would follow the bigger players. The decision by Halifax and Abbey National cuts monthly payments on a typical £50,001 interest-only mortgage from about £275 to £265, a saving of £10. Repayment-style mort-

Lenders

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Millions of borrowers were yes

terday facing the prospect of cheaper mortgages as Britain's

higgest lenders used the Chan-

cellor's base rate cut to hunch

a further broadside in the home

loans price war. Halifax and Abbey National.

with about 3.5 million borrow-

ers between them, announced

they were cutting the cost of their variable interest mort-

gages by 0.26 per cent to 6.49

per cent, the lowest for more

than 30 years.

Bradford & Bingley, whose headline rate already stood at

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gages will be cut by £7.40. Nationwide, which has a mil-lion borrowers, said it had no immediate plans to cut mortgage rates below its marketbeating low of 6.74 per cent.

However, Halifax's new rate will be delayed until 1 August for existing horrowers, while Abbey National said yesterday that its borrowers would only benefit from 1 September. Abbey hlamed the delay on

the problem of integrating its computer system with that of National & Provincial Building Society, which it is in the process of taking over. Savers were warned yesterday

that the amount paid on their deposits was likely to fall further in the wake of the base and mortgage rate cuts.

# markets expecting

The unexpected fall in base rates yesterday sent the pound lower and left the financial

On a day that brought additional evidence that the economy is picking up. City reaction to Kenneth Clarke's surprise was

"The Bank of England warned that this is just the

ably accepted the case for a cut n the short term but would have varned that hase rates might nave to go up again later. "It

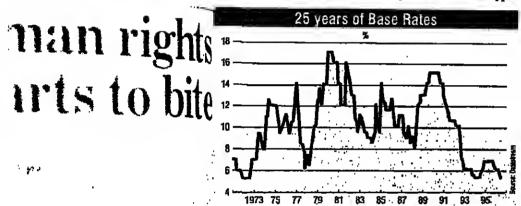
play," he said.

said: "We are ready to hold the Chancellor to his word."

Report last month, Mervyn King, the Bank's chief economist, said he saw no need for the extra insurance against short-term economic slowdown that another base rate reduction would bring. The report pre-dicted a small risk that inflation target in 1998.

said yesterday.

wise persons" lent some support



## British Gas customers on line for lower bills as watchdog acts

TICHAEL HARRISON

las bills for 19 million domese consumers are set to fall by ... further £8 a year under fresh rice curbs announced yesterday y the industry regulator, Clare pottiswoode of Ofgas.

These are the second set of uts in as many months and, toether with tougher controls n the prices charged by British as's transportation arm ransCo, will reduce the averge hill of £320 by £40 from

British Gas immediately arned that the proposals, if imlemented, would cause a sigificant squeeze on profits and amper its ability to compete then the domestic market is ally liberalised in 1998. Philip Rogerson, deputy

costs by 15 per cent between 1995 and April next year. Although British Gas's response to these latest price curbs was more measured than its reaction to the TransCo pro-posals, Mr Rogerson said: "Nobody should be under the

less extreme." Ms Spottiswoode defended the new price curbs saying: They give British Gas the freedom and flexibility to compete

welcomed the proposals, saying:
"This is a triumphant day for hairman of British Gas, said

regulation and gas consumers."
They would, he added, redress they would reduce the profits of its domestic supply business by 40 per cent from £152m to the balance of shareholder and £90m and require it to reduce consumer interest. Under the proposals, British

Gas Trading must limit price in-creases to inflation less 5 per cent for the three years from April, 1997. The present price cap is RPI-4. Within the overall cap, however, it will be able to offer different price tariffs to different categories of customer impression that we are happy. provided that its basket of price We have been less vociferous only because the proposals are stay within RPI-5.

lowed to pass on to customers the full costs of its massive and loss-making take-or-pay con-tacts with North Sea suppliers. Had Ofgas decided that these costs could not be passed on, and while protecting consumers." Ian Powe, director general of the Gas Consumers Council, British Gas had to charge its domestic consumers market rates,

fallen by between £21 and £48. Ms Spottiswoode said the new regime would require British Gas Trading to achieve a 5 per cent annual reduction in operating

costs and would allow it a 9 per cent return on capital. Although tough, the new price curbs are unlikely to prompt a referral to the Monopolies and Merger Commission. However, TransCo still looks certain to end up before the MMC. Mr Rogerson repeated yesterday that the TransCo price curbs were "illfounded, damaging to the interests of British Gas share-British Gas will also be al-

holders and not in the overall best interests of gas consumers".
But Ms Spottiswoode said she had yet to receive any "logical or coherent" response from British Gas. So far all she had received was "a huge emothen bills next year would have

### Boots looks to Europe to provide a tonic

Boots is considering expanding its Boots the Chemist chain overseas for the first time since the early 1980s when forays into Canada and New Zealand proved unsuccessful.

The announcement yesterday came as speculation grew that the company may soon use its £600m cash pile to mount another share huy-back. Boots has ruled out tackling

the US market which has been a graveyard for so many UK retailers, but is looking at Europe and the Far East. A store in Dublin will open in October.

Lord Blyth, Boots chairman, said: "We are all too aware of the problems that have affected other retailers hut our approach will be prudent, gradual and pretty long-term." Boots' ambitions in France pered by regulations that bar the multiple ownership of pharmacies. However, there is a strong prospect of these markets following the UK's de-regulated approach.

Boots made the announcement as it reported a slight fall in pre-exceptional profits to £493m for the year to March. Boots is undertaking a review of costs, particularly at its Nottingham headquarters where it employs 11,000.

Boots said it would consider a share buy-back "only when the time is right". There was also no fresh news on the fate of Do lt All, the loss-making DIY chain jointly owned by WH Smith. Boots' share of Do It All's losses were £10m last year while the Fads and Homestyle businesses lost £12m.

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### Comment, page 17 Bank of Ireland Base Rate

Bank of Ireland announces that with effect from close of business on 7th June 1996 its Base Rate has decreased from



6% to 5.75%

### Bank of Ireland

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## Branson hijacks Widow to recast her as Virgin



Noak-and-dagger: Debbie Moore finds a new co-star

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CLIFFORD GERMAN

Scottish Widows is furious that its well-known advertising symbol of a demure young woman in a black mourning cloak has been hijacked by Richard Branson to launch his own Virgin Life insurance service this Sunday.
The airline owner, balloonist

and former condom retailer has even hired the same actress, Roger Moore's daughter, Deb-bie, to dress up in a similar black cloak. Appearing as the leading man in the series of promotional photos is Mr Branson himself. Scottish Widows, the Edin-burgh-based insurer, replaced the actress last year, but there is little doubt as to Mr Branson's satirical intentions.

In one of Virgin Life's shots the actress pulls open her cloak to reveal a Virgin tee-shirt bearing the slogan "Get a Life". Another features Mr Branson

whispering in the widow's ear, the widow reacting with a look of outrage. A third has her mounting a Ferrari-red motor-bike displaying the Virgin logo, while the ubiquitous Branson reaches over her shoulder to

grasp the handlebar.

Scottish Widows had prob-lems weighing up an appropriate response yesterday. There is no copyright on young women dressed in black cloaks. Inside the company, reaction ranged from surprise and shock to downright displeasure.

Finally a terse statement was released, saying the Virgin campaign merely reflects Scottish Widows' brand strength and pointing out that Deborah Moore's contract ended 16 months ago, when she left to pursue an acting career. Earlier in the day Scottish

partment toyed with the idea of denouncing Virgin's spoof ads, an expression of pleasure that Mr Branson saw the value Of the Widow's brand name, and an attempt to create a sound bite along the lines of, "You can't make a Virgin out of a Widow." The Scots thought better of

this more extreme reaction, since it would be likely to pro-vide Mr Branson with even more publicity - something he craves above all else. Neutral observers were left marvelling once again at his ability to attract attention to wildly differ-



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## Pain brings results for Pilkington

Pilkington is a traditional beliwether for the British economy. Like ICL, it has been woken from past lethargy by a savage increase in competition in what have become commodity markets. But the world's biggest glassmaker has been shaken up by professional man-agement led by chief executive Roger Leverton, formerly of RTZ, and since last year by Nigel Rudd, who added the Pilks chair to that of Williams Hold-

After several years of restructuring in the face of sluggish or declining markets for glass, there is evidence that the pain is working. Yesterday's figures were distorted by the enormous provisions that have become a feature of recent years. Last year it was a £375m goodwill write-down on the disastrous

contact lens business. This year it was a £157m charge. mostly to cover the latest round of "downsizing" in the automotive and German building glass businesses.

That turned a reported loss of £248m last time into pre-tax profits of £55m in the year to March, but stripping out the hig one-offs from both years, underlying profits soared 47 per cent to £212m. Earnings per share before exceptionals leapt even further,

rising 63 per cent to 14p.

Pilkington is clearly showing it can fight back in both its main businesses.

Existing cost-reduction programmes added £68m to the 1995-96 figures and the benefits of the latest wave should huild up from £35m this year to £75m

The automotive glass business looks well placed. Last year's restructuring at Libbey-Owens-Ford in the US will be matched by the shake-up in the European side following October's acquisition of the other half of Italian auto glass producer SIV. As well as the savings that will bring, the purchase has raised Pilkington's share of the European market from 14 per cent to a third. That gives it a powerful voice with the hig car-makers and, notwithstanding the General Motors strike earlier this year, which cost £6m, it augurs well for the future, given signs of strength in automotive markets on both sides of the Atlantic.

More serious is the malaise affecting the German building market. Central European prices have slumped by a fifth in the past four months as clear signs of overcapacity have emerged. Pilkington puts surplus production in the industry at up to 8 per cent and has the industry at up to 8 per cent and has acted to cut its own capacity in Poland and Germany. A crucial factor will be whether its recently announced 8-10 per cent price rises will stick.

Profits of £250m this year would put

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Boots: at a glance

Five year record 1992 1993 1994 - 1995 1996

Pre-tax profits (Em) 340.7 495.2 416.3 849.7 507

Share price

Market value: £5.78bg; share price 606g

of Boots' profits. AG Stanley, Do It All

and Childrens World (since sold to

Storehouse) recorded a loss and falling

like-for-like sales last year.

The Boots cash pile is set to be boosted by a further £73m from BASF, which represents the balance of the

£900m it agreed to pay for Boots Phar-maceuticals last year.

Boots has several options. It is look-

Healthcare International, the non-pre-

The shares are likely to mark time un-

encouraging. Though pre-tax profits fell from £849m to £493.5m in the year to

March 1996, the 1995 figures were in-

flated by £320m from disposals. Oper-

the door has been left open.

the shares, up 6.5p at 204.5p, on a forward multiple of 14. Those who took up October's rights at 155p have already done well and there should be further recovery potential.

#### Boots cash pile is a problem

Boots' management bad good reason to look pleased yesterday as they unveiled a decent set of results alongside an upbeat statement on the outlook for consumer spending. Yesterday's inter-est rate cut should help the housing market and Boots' DIY businesses, which include Do It All and Fads, con-

tinue to lose buckets of money. But while these two businesses remain a problem and Halfords is not exactly a star despite its strong hrand name, the real question about Boots is what it will do with its £526m casb mountain as the core Boots the Chemist chain reaches maturity in the UK. For all its attempts at diversifications rose by 2.5 per cent to £444m.

Dividends per share (pence) : 72.4

Comparative sales

excluding new openings, %

Like for like sales increased by 2.8 per cent across the group, driven by Boots the Chemist, which contributed a 4.4 per cent uplift. If Boots could sort out its troublesome "tail" of subsidiaries, prospects would look brighter still. tion, BTC still accounts for 80 per cent

BZW has lifted its profits forecast from £550m to £560m for the current year. With the shares up 2p to 608p, that puts them on a forward rating of

#### 3i keeps up with record markets

ing at taking Boots the Chemist over-seas, though there are no immediate Nat West's decision to sell its remaining plans. It is also investing in Boots 17.8 per cent stake in 3i looks shrewd in the light of yesterday's figures from scription drugs business, and an acquisition in Europe looks likely. Another share buy-back is a possibility. There was no news on this yesterday though Europe's biggest venture capitalist. By the group's own total return method of accounting it turned in results 25.4 per cent ahead on the year, virtually the same as the FT-SE smaller companies index, which rose 25.6 per cent. Stripping out foreign assets, the growth was 28.3 per cent. til the market has a clearer idea of Boots' intentions, but the prospects still look

Shareholders' funds rose 23.4 per cent to £2.53bn, the revenue surplus rose 18.4 per cent to £70m and the dividend was 12.5 per cent higher at 8.1p for the year. Costs are clearly under control and the balance sheet is in fine shape.

As a specialised investment trust with a wide spread of quoted and unquoted stakes, the results are highly cyclical and, with the stock market racing ahead. 3i was bound to break lots of records, which it duly did. There is bound to be a slowdown at some stage.

Disposals of stakes have risen faster than expected six months ago, but it is proving a little tougher to sow the seeds of future growth with new investments, where demand for capital for expansion has weakened. 3i and the investment funds it manages increased their investment 13.7 per cent to £613m. On the other hand, the valuation hasis is still conservative.

Since valuations lag the perfor-mance of the companies in which 3i invests, there should be more to go for in the current half year. SBC Warburg and Nat West Securities both reckon actual net asset value is nearer 445p a share compared with the stated figure of 426p at the year end in March.

The lack of any movement in the shares, unchanged at 452p, owes much to the overhang of next week's Nat West disposal. Institutions will be topping up their stakes but private buyers should not rush in if the price strengthens any more. As a long-term investment, 3i offers

well-managed stake in the most dynamic part of the economy. Hold.

## Whelan joins the battle of the bulge bracket

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Markets, is delighted that he has managed to land Tom Whelan as chief executive of global equities, a new post. Mr Whelan left Morgan Stanley in New York just before Christmas to reexamine his career, having built Morgan's massively lu-crative derivatives husiness. Mr Owen sees him as the ideal man to help NatWest Markets compete with the American "hulge bracket" investment banks like Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch head-to-head. Now the 44year-old American bas moved to London to pull NatWest Markets' growing number of equities businesses around the world into a more coberent whole. "This is a fabulous man for us," enthuses Mr Owen. The chief executive ac cepts that the top Wall Street expertise Mr Whelan brings with him does not come cheap. "This is an important appointment for us and his remuneration would reflect that." Observers interpret this

A team of the UK's top re-A team of the OK's top re-ceivers are flying out to Moscow this Sunday to teach the Russians how to put hust companies into liquidation. The handful of chaps from Ernst & Young and Coopers are under no illusion about the task that faces them. Concepts like liquidation, credi-tors and debtors, profits and losses simply did not exist un-der Communism. Stephen Adamson, the Ernst & Young partner who led the rescue of Canary Wharf, said the helter-skelter introduction of capitalism had produced some strange consequences.

Many areas in Russia have simply reverted to the bank-

to mean something in the multi-million-dollar bracket.

And to think, only four years ago Lord Alexander was con-

sidering shutting the thing.



and film is fair. Fancy investing in a film and appearing in a bit part? The team that produced The Bruce urgently requires to budding thesps to buy £500-debentures for their latest venture, Macbeth. Crouwell Productions found investors like appearing nn screen, albeit as a spear carrier. The Scottish play will be directed by Brian Blessed and star (hiver Reed, Hildegard Neil and Pavel Douglas. If you want to appear, along with a ticket to the premiere, a listing in the credits, a share in any net profit etc, you have until the end of Jone to apply. Altogether now, "is this a debenture I see before me?"

Communism was introduced. The Russians are very keen to attract foreign investment by stripping old industries of their liabilities. We want to belp give them a framework to do this," At least the Russians are keen to learn about insolvency. Mr Adamson adds. China, despite its rapid pace of industrialisation, or perhaps because of it, lacks any bankruptcy code at all.

Spotted in the lobby of the Treasury, a propaganda poster from 1953 which shows how little Britain's economic anxieties have really changed. The poster is headed: "The Budget and your pocket." It goes on: "Why must taxes be so high? Why is money so tight these days? When are things going to get better?"
When indeed, Mr Clarke, Then there is a drawing of a pound symbol holding a

shield, on which is written the slogan: "We must protect the value of the pound." That hit must have been added by one of Eddie George's predecessors. The poster also includes the fact that a dozen eggs in 1953 cost just three shillings (15p). No mention of inflation though - just like today.

Sunday Business, the newspaper launched by Tom Rubython two months ago, is reaching another defining moment. While the latest investor in the project, the Nortbern industrialist Gordon Brown, prepares a relaunch for next weekend along with television advertising, the staff continue to leave in droves. Amund half a dozen have left over the last 10 days, and around half the production staff is seriously considering leaving on masse.

## Unitech purchase shows early results for Siebe

**MAGNUS GRIMOND** 

Siebe, Britain's higgest engineering group, vindicated its £520m acquisition of Unitech carlier this year, saying that the synergy benefits with the electronic power supplies manufacturer were coming through faster and better than expected.
Allen Yurko, chief execu-

tive, said immediate benefits from cost savings, including cross-purchasing and cross-marketing with existing businesses, would amount to herween £5m and £10m initially, rising to be-tween £10m and £20m within two to three years.

The real benefits would come from the sale of Siebe products in areas such as the Far East and Siebe selling Unitech products into its traditional heating, automotive and ventilation markets in Europe and North

MATHEW HORSMAN

Partners in Rupert Murdoch's digital alliance launched a war of words yesterday, fuelling ex-pectations that the four-way

deal to launch digital TV on the

Continent was doomed. Sources at BSkyB, 40 per cent

owned by Rupert Murdoch, re-acted angrily to suggestions that the alliance with Bertels-

mann, Canal Plus and Havas had already failed, but none the less blamed Bertelsmann for the

rising tensions.
"We know how to deliver, and

they only know how to deal in political palayer." said a Sky

source, referring to BSkyB's record as a pay-TV broadcast-er in the UK and growing fears at Sky that Bertelsmann is drag-

ging its feet on introduction of

a digital bouquet of program-ming in Germany by autumn.

mann responded in kind, saying: BSkyB started this whole mess,

not us, "referring to a letter sent early this week by Mr Murdoch demanding clarification of Ber-

telsmann's intentions toward

the alliance. That letter fuelled

reports about growing tensions.

Bertelsmann's surprise deci-

sion early this year to merge its

The harsh climate dates from

A spokesman for Bertels-

America. The company had not yet chosen "an integration path" for Unitech's electronic connectors operation yet, he said, but it was "not broken" and was a good husiness. They had not decided to sell it, he said.

The comments came as Sicbe revealed it had broken three of its four targets last year with results for the year to 6 April showing pre-tax profits jumping a fifth to £331m. The shares added 11p to 879p. The aim of cutting costs hy 5 per cent, growing sales by 10 per cent and organic profits by 15 per cent were all comprehensively beaten. The group fell down on its attempt to improve stock turn by a fifth, managing a 14 per cent improvement.

Mr Yurko said the key message with the results was that everyone in the company was "really bullish for 1997", while

television interests with CLT, the

Luxembourg-based media com-

pany, which plans to launch a French pay-IV operation in direct competition with its al-

against the rationale of the four-way alliance, which had been aimed at developing digital TV in Germany and else-

where without jeopardising

cach partner's stranglehold on

its home market.

Canal Plus also weighed in yesterday, complaining that Bertelsmann seemed too quick

to declare the alliance at an

end," and warning that a col-

lapse of the agreement could jeopardise other joint ventures between Bertelsmann and

Canal Plus in Germany.
The threats to the alliance

have complicated the compet-

itive climate in Germany, where

two rival systems - one backed

by Bertelsmann and the other

by the Bavarian media giant Leo Kirch - are vying to dominate the digital revolution.

BSkyB is interested in taking a 25 per cent stake in Premiere,

jointly owned by Bertelsmann,

Canal Plus and Mr Kirch. But a deal whereby Canal Plus and

Bertelsmann would each sell a

liance partner Canal Plus. That deal seemed to go

Murdoch's digital

bust-up escalates

"We are going to try, try again. We are going to keep the pres-sure on."

Operating margins eased from 14.4 per cent to 14.3 per cent last year. But Mr Yurko said increased research and development expenditure was worth 0.4 percentage points off the margin, while acquisi-tions tended to dilute returns until they were brought up to group levels. Without those factors, the growth would have been a full point to about 14.9 per cent, he said. All divisions were ahead last

year. The biggest, control systems, which supplies process controls for petrochemical plants, saw its profits jump from £127m to £156m last year. Siebe ascribed much of the growth to the technological lead of the Foxboro subsidiary

costs would continue to be cut in the US. The order book there is up 30 per cent and the advanced I/A system has continued to win market share and now claims a figure of over 13

> Elsewhere, temperature and appliance controls used for air conditioning and whitegoods and the like shrugged aside patchy North American and European markets to record profits up from £128m to £141m. Although volumes across the Atlantic rebounded in the fourth quarter, Siebe warned that European markets remained subdued.

Colin Fell of Kleinworth Benson Securities described the figures as "consistently boringly excellent". The results were accompanied by a 10 per cent increase in the final dividend

#### BT-Mercury overseas duopoly abolished Among the companies ex- mated £200m-£300m a year.

MICHAEL HARRISON . -

The Government last night announced it was abolishing the last remaining element of BT and Mercury's duopoly over international services, paving the way for a string of rival opcrators to enter the market.

pected to apply for licences to The bigger and more lucrative provides business telecom ser-

ruptcy laws of 1913, before

Tan Taylor, Science and Technology Minister, said he aimed to begin issuing licences to other service providers from July.

The market being opened up mainly consists of services to Europe and is worth an esti-

The move to end the BT-Mercury duopoly was foreshadowed in a consultative document in March and is in line with a European Union directive that

intra-EU telecommunications Mr Taylor said liberalisation

to lower prices and make the UK an attractive location for inward investors requiring cheap, high-quality telecoms services.

BT said that any adverse impact in the short term would be offset by increased opportuni-

#### Chubb zooms in on closed circuit TV

NIC CICUTTI

Chubb Security, the electronic surveillance to locks group, yesterday unveiled plans to expand its operations in the highly lucrative closed circuit television monitoring market as it announced an 8 per cent rise in an-

nual pre-tax profits to £97.1m. The company's CCTV expansion plans in Europe, North America, and Africa, through a new subsidiary, Chubb Vision, follow the recent setting up of

security operations in Thailand, Indonesia, Victnam and China. Chubb recently bought MSS Security in Australia for £21m and said yesterday that it inten-

ded to continue its expansion. "[The company] has entered the next stage of expansion to build its business through acquisitions, partnerships and further organic growth," Chubb said. "These, with other actions being taken, should ensure fill slightly to £5.

The final divicions being taken, should ensure

that the results for 1996/97 will

be good."

Chubb's profits rise in the year ending March 1996, on a total turnover of £765.3m, came despite a drop of almost £6m in its locks business in the UK, which the company blamed on continuing low levels of activity in the construction industry. However, Chubb's electronic security and fire protection

business grew by £9m.

Overall, the UK contributed £40.6m towards the company's world-wide operating profits of £91.6m, after re-organis and redundancy costs of £5.5m.

In the Australasian market, profits remained static at £19.1m, although turnover expanded by 11.6 per cent, in-

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Coderdata (F)	12.1m (8.93m)	4,4m (3,6m)	9.5p (7.9p)	4p (3.25p)
Channel Intend Contac (F)	8.52m (8.12m)	1.37m (1.17m)	8.45p (7.11p)	3.25p (2.75p)
Chobb Security (P)	770m (727m)	97.1m (89.1m)	20.960 (19.20)	6.4p (-)
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Obverport Knithment (P)	10.2m (10.6m)	1.85m (2.47m)	77.6p (95.9p)	9.5p (9.8p)
Desity Group (I)	16.8m (13.2m)	3 04m (2.43m)	5.2p (4.8p)	1,35p (1.15p)
Estopes Colour (F)	19.9m (17.5m)	2.9et (1.57m)	5p (3.8p)	2.2p (1.7p)
French (I)	7.95m (7.90m)	0.30m (0.38m)	1.550 (1.930)	1.50 (1.45p)
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3i Group (F)	- (-)	88.9m (75.8m)	11.9p (10.1p)	8.1p (7.2p)
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Midlands Bectricity (F)	1.33bn (1.46bm)	267m (178m)	45p [31.3p]	- (a)
N keland Bestris (F)	525m (498m)	17.4m (86.4m)	58.8p (41p)	19p (13,4p)
Oxford Instruments (P)	146m (125m)	21.5m (18.0m)	27.50 (23.80)	6.5p (5.7p)
Porter Claudberr (F)	75.6m (82.7m)	-4.5m (2.96m)	-5.5p (2.55p)	ती (ती)
Powell Delirys (F)	818m (661m)	42.2m (40.1m)	-7.6a (39.7a)	25p (24.9p)
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Shoprite Brees (F)	31.1m (225m)	-0.11m (-29.2m)		nii (-)
Sietes (F)	2.80ba (2.15bn)	331m (275m)	45p (37.5p)	
UMECO (F)	20.4m (18.8m)	1.85m (1.22m)	7.55p (11.52p)	8.67p (37.5p)
Wysdelman Press (F)	36.6m (26.0m)	5.12m (3.58m)		4.25p (2.75p)
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COMPANY RESULTS

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96.3m (84.9m) 5.4m (6.8m)

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12.5 per cent to BSkyB has so fund the acquisition via a £139m rights issue and a new bankfar been blocked by Mr Kirch. ing facility. The seven-for-10 issue will be priced at 95p.

Eyes on the prize: Mayflower, the car parts group, is to pay £172m for the Puliman Company, a US manufacturer of vibration control components. Mayflower, which is run by chief executive John Simpson (left) and finance director David Donnelly (right), will

### business



'Will the Chancellor increase rates even closer to a general election campaign

if it looks necessary? He insists he will but he surely doesn't expect anyone to believe him'

Confident Clarke is still too quick with rate cuts Kenneth Clarke and his Treasury officials important as John Major. We will not know for sure what the Governor's view was until the Trappist vow on what went on at the poration, the average remuneration per the control of the trappist vow on what went on at the control of the trappist vow on what we was at the control of the trappist vow on what went on at the control of the trappist vow on what went on at the control of the trappist vow on what went on at the control of the trappist vow on what went on at the control of the trappist vow on what went on the control of the trappist vow on what we was driven in t

their country house weekend later loday. Yesterday's interest rate cut delighted the Tory backbenches, came as a welcome surprise to millions of homeowners, businesses and voters, and was taken phlegmatically by the financial markets.

The loser, again, is the credibility of mon-etary policy. Mr Clarke could well turn out to be right, again, in his judgement about the state of the economy and inflation just as he was last May. But he has still not accepted that for an inflation-prone country like Britain, interest rates need to rise faster than absolutely necessary and fall more slowly than they might. The UK still has an inflation rate just above the EU average and the financial markets still demand a premium for holding gilts. That premium rose vesterday.

The truth is that the monetary arrangements put in place after the pound's fall from ERM grace will not have passed their test until a Chancellor does something unpop-ular before an election. Will Mr Clarke increase rates even closer to a general election campaign if it looks necessary? He insists he will hut he surely doesn't expect anyone to believe him.

Even worse from the credibility stand-point, yesterday's move has left Eddie George just one of many people who bend the Chancellor's ear about monetary policy — an important influence but perhaps not as — an important influence but perhaps not as — and way down the scale of em— to trade on, will get short changed.

Wednesday's monetary meeting is lifted six weeks hence. But from all the Governor said prior to the meeting it is obvious there must have been a serious rift.

Despite his excellent record as Chancelor, Mr Clarke's cheery confidence in his own judgement over Mr George's has strengthened the case for Bank independence. Britain's attempt to compromise between full central hank independence and full political control is looking increasingly unsatisfactory. It has turned out that embarrassment over a potential clash with the Governor is not nough to change a politician's mind.

The surprise cut also increases the odds on chunky tax cuts in the Budget. The latest Mori 'mood of the nation" index displayed its biggest ever jump as last year's tax cuts came into effect. The Chancellor has revealed himself to be putting in place all the conditions for a healthy economic recovery before the election. With the bill in terms of higher inflation and worse public finances due well after-wards, nobody can fault him on his politics.

#### Are City salaries getting out of hand?

employee rose to more than £100,000. Since the main reason for going into the City is to make money, this might not seem unreasonable. In a sense, the City's whole raison d'etre is to make people rich.

City salaries are generally not as visible as those of public company directors, but everybody knows that traders and investment bankers are paid hansomely, some of them beyond the dreams of avarice. Curiously, there has been little public concern or outrage about it as such. Typically, reaclion amounts to little more than a shrug of the shoulders and the comment that since the City operates under the law of the jungle, good luck to them.

Now there is concern, however, and it is coming from bankers themselves. In recent weeks, two senior investment bankers, one clearing hank chairman, and the deputy Governor of the Bank of England have all spoken out about it. The deputy Governor, Howard Davies, is worned because the honus-linked nature of large parts of City pay encourages traders to take risks. The others are more mundane in their concern. They worry that as City salaries rise ever higher, costs will spiral out of control and shareholders, who after all are the people who provide the raw material - capital - for all those rocket scientists and barrow boys

The latest to speak out is Hessel Linden-bergh. As chief executive of ING Barings, he has just had his entire Latin American equities team poached by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. This is serious stuff, for we are talking here about a good deal more than the hidding up of salary structures. When an entire department leaves, the investment bank loses a part of itself and its expertise. Naturally it will all end in tears. In good years, investment banks seem prepared to do almost anything to get the "right" people. When the bad times come, the newly inflated cost base remains, shareholders get stuffed,

and so, eventually, as sure as night follows day, do all those high flyers that it cost so much to recruit. They end up fired.

Mal independs is clearly right to believe Mr Lindenbergh is clearly right to believe things are out of hand but it is hard to know what he can do about it, other than resist the temptation to enter the beggar thy neighbour game, bring on his young, low-cost talent and hope they will eventually give his disloyal former employees a good thrashing. A key characteristic of the smart organisation, after all, is its ability to weather defections, even of whole departments, and carry on regardless.

#### The gas saga is not over yet

marked Offload, drop it in a large expanse of water and go off and enjoy a summer free from their wretched RPI-X formulas. Sadly, they now control such a large chunk of the British economy and invade so much of our daily lives that this is no longer an

The latest utility to feel the heat (again) is poor old British Gas. Just when it thought it was safe to come out of the woods following the TransCo massacre, along comes Clare Spottiswoode of Ofgas to clother them on gas supply tariffs. In normal circumstances, a price control formula that further tightens the regulatory screw just as the market is being blown open to unfettered competition and robs British Gas's supply arm of nearly half its already paltry profits would be tantamount to a declaration of war.

But it is a testament to just how effectively the company has been softened up by her review of transportation charges that it will probably accept the latest Spottiswoode package and thank its lucky stars for getting off so lightly.

Even then it is not the end of the story. Next month we will be entertained by TransCo 2 the final proposal. Then for those with the stomach for it, there is the forthcoming National Grid transmission review Another day, another price control rewiew from another utility regulator.
Wouldn't it be nice to pop them all in a box

## Medeva beefs up France and US with £258m buy

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Medeva, the pharmaceuticals group, yesterday announced a large expansion in the US and France with the \$400m (£258m) acquisition of rights to drugs and other assets from Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, the US-owned French drug company.

former US headquarters at Rochester in New York State. They were spotted by Medeva as under-exploited during its abor- mer, Dr Bogie said the acquitive merger talks with Fisons.

The deal is being partfinanced through a £109m placs being offered the new shares on alysts, who said it would be earn-

ings-enhancing. Shares in Medeva jumped 30p to 261p. Bill Bogie, chief executive, described the two acquisitions as "Medeva's most significant step forward in terms of both its operations and its potential to The US assets were acquired by RPR when it took over Fisons shareholders". He said the deal last year and include the group's took the group's strategy on

several stages.

It gave them critical mass in France and the US, In the forsition of rights to respiratory, dermatological and non-prescription drugs would allow existing sales force, the mar-

The deals also give the group Fisons' pennkinetic slow re-lease technology, which can he applied to products within Medeva's development pipeline, such as its Hepagene hepatitis vaccine and anaesthetics acquired last year. That would help turn the group into a fully fledged pharmaceutical company into the next century, Dr Bogie said.

But he described the 10 products being acquired with the Rochester business as "a classic Medeva opportunity". In the six years of its life, the compaing, with existing shareholders Medeva to cover the cost of the ny had been good at generating and re-generating growth in

a one-for-six basis at 220p. The keting spend that goes with it move was well received by an-and help to support new products and the Rochester products and the Rochester products had not had the support they required to generate growth.

The main drug being acquired is Tussionex, a treatment for heavy coughs, which generated \$31.5m of the \$99.7m sales produced in total by the US products last year. Delsym, a slow-release cough treatment for children, Pediapred, a steroid for treating a range of allergie to inflammatory conditions, Zarosolyn, for heart and kidney failure, and lonamin, an appetite suppressant, are also coming aboard in the deal. Operating profits from the

US drugs have grown from \$36.3m to \$54.4m in the last

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'Classic opportunity': Bill Bogie of Medeva

#### IN BRIEF

 Receivers to Salisburys, the luggage chain that is part of the collapsed Facia retail group, have sold 39 stores to Mister Minit, the shoe- and key-repair company for a "substantial sum". Mis-ter Minit, which has 431 UK outlets, plans to rename them as Gullivers, its 23 strong luggage and leather chain. It will keep the 280 staff. The Salisbury name and 130 stores are still for sale. Receivers Grant Thornton have received more than 100 enquiries.

 The effect on Britsh Energy's flotation of ScottishPower's warning it might scrap contracts with the generator after being told to cut its prices by 3-5 per cent, was played down by the Government. Sources said the contracts could not be reviewed before 1998 and then could only be renegotiated if prices were reduced by more than 10 per cent. Meanwhile, private investors will be eligible for a 10p discount on the second instalment or a one-for-15 bonus issue.

 Northern Ireland Electricity joined the ranks of utilities buying back their shares by announcing that it is to seek approval to repurchase a further 14.9 per cent of its share capital at a cost of £87m. It has already bought back 14.9 per cent.

 Trafalgar House said three of its subsidiaries, Davy International, Davy Corp and Trafalgar House Services, had initiated legal proceedings against VAI Industries (UK), and former Davy International chief executive Roy Tazzyman, Trafalgar House said that upon the execution of a High Court order on 28 May, in excess of 2000 pages of documents were recovered together with computer disks containing information belonging to Davy In-ternational. "We are not able for legal reasons to give any further details at this time," the company said.

#### HOW TO PLAY

The Independent European Championship Football Forecast uffers you the opportunity to use your footballing skill and judgement to answer the 11 questions printed below.

Make your selections from the answer panel below. For every correct answer you will earn the number of points attributed to that question. The individual with the highest number of points will win our prize, a VIP trip to see Milan in an important home match next season.

Details of how to

enter are given opposite. You can enter at any point up until 12:00 noon on Saturday 8 June 1996, the first day of Euro 96.

#### HOW TO SCORE

Each of the 11 questions has a points value. If you ver any of the questions correctly you will earn the points attributed to that question. In addition to the 11 main questions you will be required to answer a tie-break ques tion. This question does not have a points value and will only come into play should the necessity arise. The winner will be the individual who earns the most points in the

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Scotland game, (figures based on ITV statistics)?

Tie Break: How many goals will be scored in open play in Euro '96?

Pulse phone calls charged at 39p per minute cheap rate and 49p per minute at all other times ngland hasn't seen anything like it since 1966. Next month's European Championship will be the biggest sporting event staged on these shores since Bobby Moore's side beat Germany 4.2 in the legendary World Cup final 30 years ago. No one knows whether Terry Venables' team can emulate history, but the drama and suspense of Euro '96 will captivate the nation. Four years ago Denmark snunned the international football community by winning

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Germany to victory? Can Paolo Maldini and his team crase the memory of Italy's 1994 World Cup final defeat? Will Alan Shearer prove he's England's most feared striker?

All questions will be answered at the Wernbly final on June 30th, Meanwhile, our appedites already whetted by the presence in English clubs of leading Europeans (France's Eric Cantona and Holland's Roud Gullit), we can expect a feast of football.

The opening game - England vs Switzerland the European Championship in Sweden. Can at Wembley is on 8 June. Two days later Scotthey do it again? Will Jurgen Klinsmann lead land play the Netherlands at Villa Park.

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The 16 competing countries are divided into four groups, with the leading two from each

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#### HOW TO ENTER

 Study the 11 questions opposite carefully.

 Using your knowledge of football, choose an answer for each question from the an-

Make a note of your answer to each question together with each answer's threedigit code (to the left of the

You will use the three digit answer code to input your answer for each question into our computer telephone entry system.

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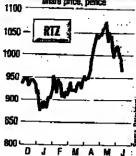
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TV talks trigger a winning streak for football clubs Eveo before the first shots of demand a place at any nego-

stock market The fully listed football clubs surged to record highs as the battle to screen Premiership games was being decided by 20

club chairmen in Coveotry. Manchester Utd, the league and cup winners, romped ahead 32p to 463p; Tottenham Hotspur rose 23p to 461p and Chelsea Village, the company owning Chelsea FC, gained 3p

The clubs will certainly clinch a far more lucrative deal than the £60m a year they get from BSkyB. Around £200m a year is expected.

But the market is no longer content to merely evaluate what the televisioo rights are likely to be worth. There is a growing suspicion that with the vast sums oow involved the

Euro 96 some spectacular tiating table by buying suc-goals are being scored in the cessful clubs. The possibility of clubs launching their own televisioo operations is also in the

The rest of the market failed to bold its best levels and the FT-SE 100 index coded 6.9 points higher at 3,760.3p. The interest rate cut triggered a to-keo mark-up which, with little follow-through, quickly ran

nut of steam. RTZ, the minerals giant, fell 23.5p to 967.5p as the market fretted about the collapse of the copper price, and Ladhroke lost some of its takeover appeal, falling 5.5p to 186.5p. The betting and hotel group was hit by reports that Hilton Hotel Corporation, the US group seeo as one of its most ardent suitors, had lashed out \$2bo oo the Bally Gaming casioo group. Such a deal leaves HHC with precious lit-



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Ladbroke. But it could pursue its dream of uniting Ladbroke's international spread of Hilton Hotels with the Hilton chain it owns in the US

through a trading pact.
Zeneca, the drugs group, enjoyed another heady run, up 18p at 1,379p, as takeover talk continued in swirl and Medeva jumped 30p to 261p on its £240m US acquisition. British Airways climbed 11p to 549p following a bullish presentation at ABN Amro

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Stock market reporter of the year

> 451p as the market awaited the appearance of the signalled bidder and Johnston, a civil en-gineer, roared 105p to 478p as the acquisitive TT Group tendered for a 27.46 per cent stake at 500p. TT says the shareholding is a "strategic invest-ment", which the market reads as platform for a hid.

Surrey Free Inns. earlier this week rumoured to be looking at the Tom Cobleigh pubs chain, jumped 36p to 268p, implying it could be on the receiving end of a bid. The shares have come up from

ternational Finance Corpora- occurred on Ofex, the fringe tion, an arm of the World Bank, agreed to pump in £4.2m at 60p a share and make loans up to \$30m for the second phase of Aminex's Kirtayel Field development.

Megalomedia, the Saatchi vehicle, fell 2p to 102p as £5m was raised through placing shares with Robert Fleming at 65p. OmniMedia, which has linked with Oracle in produce tools for video servers, gained

7p 10 70p.

Mayflower Corporation's big US splash lifted the shares 12.5p to 129p and Firth, the steel group, cootinued to advance following its move into aircraft parts and stories that big cootracts loom, gaining 3.5p to 68.5p.

European Telecom, a mobile telephone distributor, successfully dialled into the mar-

share market run by JP Jenkins, Skynet Corporation, placed at 27.5p, surged to 73p. The company is hoping to develop a system to provide information, rescue and safety services to mobile telephone

Receotly another Ofex sbare, Motion Media, a video telephone business, made a dramatic debut, going from 67.5p to around 240p in a few

days. It is now 200p.

European Colour, the pigments group, firmed to 78p after producing figures slightly below market expectations - a 55 per cent gain to £2.9m. Around £3.4m is expected this

The group continues to seek acquisitions – it is talking to six companies and bas 130 on its

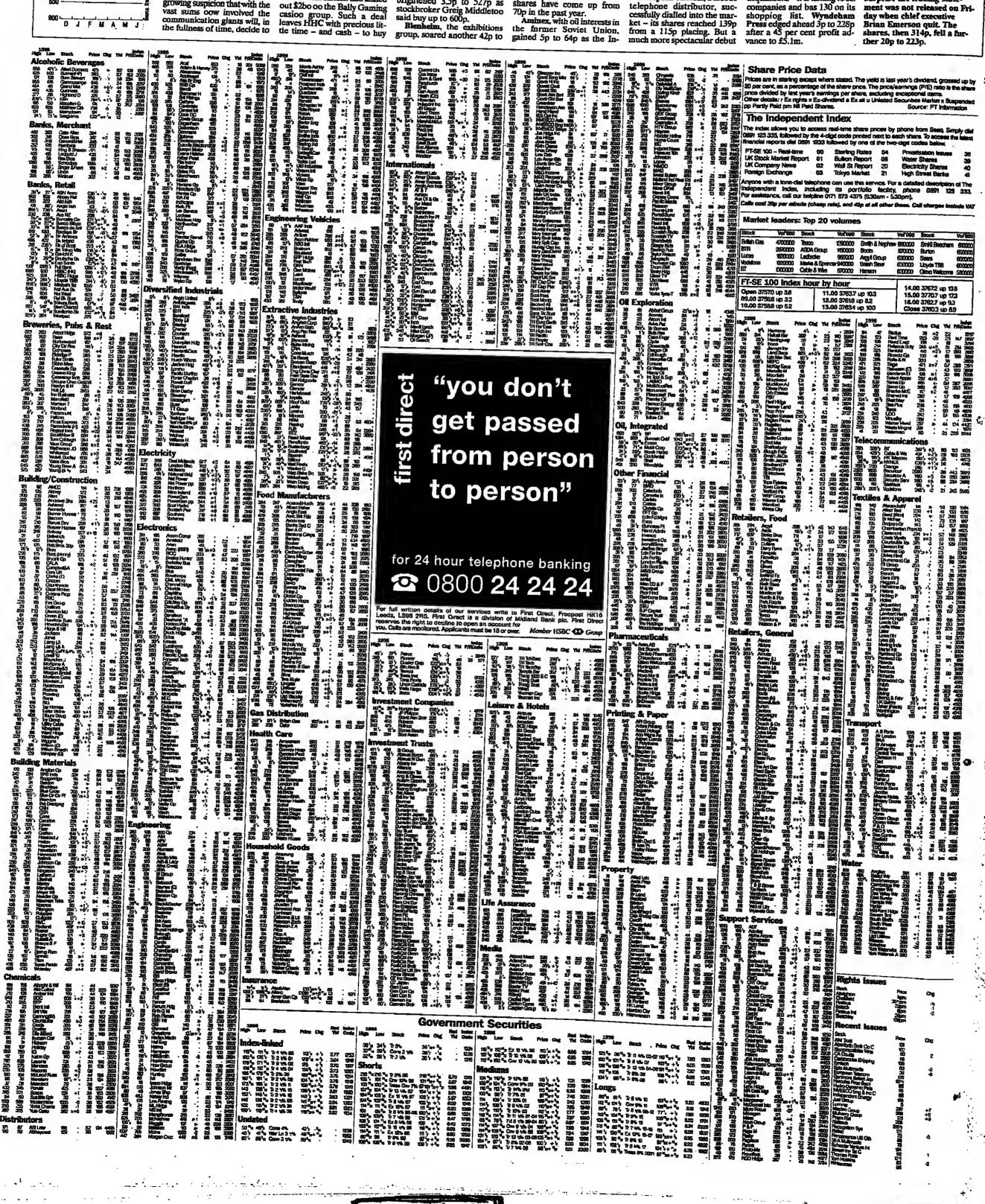
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238p, just below the 12 month high. Shares of the advertis-169p in the past year and their recent strength is thought to herald takeover

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The company is believed to be trading well and should have produced around £5.8m in the year ended April against £4.5m.

Questions are being asked about Real Time Controls, the computer group. Yesterday it, in effect, issued a profits warning, saying profits would be similar to last year's £1.7m. At least £2m had been expected. There is surprise the trading statement was not released on Friday when chief executive Brian Emerson quit. The shares, then 314p, fell a fur-

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## From Dorneywood, the sound of options closing

It's time for the summer office outing to Dorneywood. The red boxes click shut, the government cars purr, and the Chancellor and his officials head for the country. With an interest rate cut hangiog in the air behind them, and speculation about an October election rife, the annual weekend away to discuss options for the Budget will be more frenetic than

To listen to politicians, you'd think that tax cuts and feel-good fac-tors would be the main things no Kenneth Clarke's mind. Not so. If Mr Clarke is really attuned to the demands on his last pre-election budget, he will be worrying most about public spending. Just as in 1992 spending will hold the key to the way people vote. And this time detailed tax and spending decisions, rather than simply global figures, will matter too.

Pre-election Budgets are a strange phenomenon. Usually when the Chancellor appears with his battered brown briefcase, he is talking directly to the electorate - uffering us a penny off tax here and a few pence on beer there. Before elections, however, Budgets are triangular conversations; the opposition have a voice too. The ideal budget for Mr Clarke will be one that not only appeals to voters, but wrongfoots Labour too.
Which is why - believe it or not spending plans matter so much.

Take 1992 as a case in point. Conventional wisdom has it that the Conservatives won the election on tax. In his March 1992 Budget, Norman Lamont cut taxes with a new 20p band. Meanwhile, so the story goes, Labour shot itself in the foot with the infamous Shadow Budget. Once John Smith had promised to raise taxes on voters earning £25,000, it ap-

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peared that victory was at hand. The truth is more complicated. The important difference between Labour and the Conservatives in fact that Labour wanted to spend several billioo on child benefit and penthe start. Add on an unemployment programme, capital allowances to boost investment, £1bn extra spending on health and £600m for

about what Labour really wanted to

As David Mellor (then Chief Sec-1992 lay in spending, not in tax. The pointed out, the Labour Party had retary in the Treasury) aggressively sions in the Shadow Budget was only implement. The fact that Labour

The Conservatives won the 1992 election

Interest Rates

promise tax increases. The fact was that they needed to show where they

were going to get the cash.

But even this was not decisive.

Most voters in 1992 did not feel that they were choosing between Norman Lamont's tax cuts and Labour's child benefit increases. The Institute for Fiscal Studies modelled John Smith's Shadow Budget at the time and showed that eight out of ten households would be better off because of the increases in tax allowances and universal benefits that Labour promised. Yet more than half of voters believed they would pay more tax with Labour.

Behind voters' perceptions of

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countless other policies which would have cost a considerable amount to qualified their proposals with the phrase "as resources allow" didn't convince many people. The message was clear: Labour's instinct for solveducation, and you reach a tidy ing the ills of the world sum. No wonder Labour had to more money on them. ing the ills of the world was to speod

nine months before the votes were cast

servatives. Exactly five years ago this mooth, David Mellor launched his "Labour's going for broke" campaign. Using spurious assumptions he came up with a total hill of 1525 here there is most about and £35bn. From there, it was a short and easy step to calculate a tax hill to match and launch a campaign on Labour's £1,000 tax bombshell later on the Private Finance Initiative, and in the year. Labour's Shadow Bud-

get was no match for such a power-ful and persuasive campaign. The fact is that the Conservatives won the election a full nine months before the votes were counted, and they won it

prudent Labour Party.

avoided making uncosted spending commitments. Their most costly programmes for the young and longterm unemployed are to be paid for by a windfall tax. Ideally Mr Clarke would love to be able to characterise Labour as profligate socialists (as his predecessor did before him). Labour

are not giving him the chance.

Mr Clarke's freedom to move on

perhaps a revised plan to privatise the Post Office and raise some more cash that way. Cutting capital spending, cutting funding for local au-thornies and cutting running costs are all among the usual suspects.

nn public spending.

But these kinds of cuts are no use
This time Mr Clarke won't get for winding Labour up. Kenneth Labour's tax plans lay their views such an easy ride. Labour have Clarke wants measures to show

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tax and spending is even more limited than Mr Lamont's. His predecessor's combination of tax cuts and spending increases was achieved by fiddling the figures. Initial forecasts by Treasury economists had put the public sector borrowing require-ment for 1994/5 at £35bn. Mr Lamont's published forecasts read £25bn. Norman Lamont's PSBR scam will

be a difficult trick to pull twice. Voters and markets are already suspicious about Treasury projections. Kenneth Clarke's forecasts for borrowing made in last November's Budget are widely agreed to be over-optimistic.

So, as the Dorneywood crowd will be well aware, the Chancellor has two tasks if he is to win on tax and spending again. First he has to convince the public and the City that he has a way to fund any tax cuts he promises. And he has to find detailed tax and spending proposals that will make life as difficult as possible for the new, cautious,

Norman Lamont's PSBR scam will be a difficult trick for Mr Clarke to pull employed from a year to six months.

Had Labour. in their obvious anxi-

ety about the policy, fallen into the trap of promising to reverse it, the

Conservatives would have immedi-

ately demanded to know where the

cash was to be found. Watch out for

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Labour up as a high spender after nll, or at least as unwilling to face up

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Labour have aiready been seeking their own symbolic cuts and switches in resources so they can promise new policies but not be outmanoeuvred at the last minute on tax and spending. Hence the review of child benefit for 16-18s, loans for

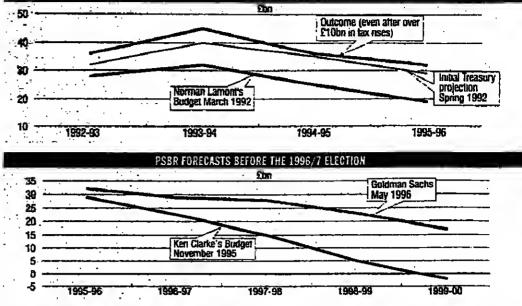
pensive to reverse. Means-testing in-

validity benefit perhaps? Or further

cuts in entitlement to housing ben-

graduates, and the switch of cash spending cuts in a similar vein that Labour will hate, but that will be exfrom assisted places to reduce class

> If the tax and spending debate between the two parties really does shape up into a choice between particular symbolic priorities the public could be in for a pleasant surprise. What we really want to know is how the parties think taxes should be distributed, and what their most important spending priorities are. David Mellor's pre-1992 caricature of the parties as high-tax-high-spend Labour versus low-tax-low-spend Conservatives obscured more than it explained. Maybe, just maybe, the tax and spending debate in this election could be illuminating and informative instead.



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If Colin Montgomerie was, to a certain extent, hoist by his own pet project, the feeling in the locker room yesterday was probably: serves him right. Monty had been brought in to defend the fort for the Alamo English Open and he suffered at his own hands with a 75. This was like the pre-diet Monty of old: chips with

everything,
With the rough grown to an intimidating length and the greens as dodgy as anything that supper had to offer in Tom Brown's schooldays, Montgomerie had said that accurate driving was of paramount im-portance. In fact, his driving was fine but his short game was wretched. "I just had a bad day," Monty said. "I am not out of this by any means."

Montgomerie has signed a contract with Marriott, which owns the Forest of Arden course and hotel, and it simply would not do for the world No3 to miss the halfway cut and check out of his suite tonight.

"Three rounds of 68 would do it. I'm playing well enough," Monty said.

with Michael King, has delib-

erately made the course more difficult to prepare himself, and seven other Europeans here, for the US Open in Detroit next week. From tee to green conditions might well be, well, not dissimilar to those found in Michigan but the trouble is that they may as well be putting on

Mars. "It's a shame the greens aren't up to the quality of the rest of the course," Monty said. "Maybe next year we can get it right." Montgomerie had a torrid time from the sixth hole where he missed the green to the right played a poor chip and missed a seven-foot putt for a double-bogey six. He followed that with a bogey six, a bogey four, and a bogey five to go to

the turn in 40. At that point sea-

soned Monty observers were

being hot, bothered and frustrated, kept a cool head. At the par-five 17th he chipped in for an eagle three. Prior to that his chipping had been hopeless. "I had six attempts to get up and down, failed with every one of them and that is where my round of golf went," he said.

Monty is nine strokes behind Andrew Oldcorn, who benefited from an early start. "The greens deteriorated through Scores, Sporting Digest, page 23

the day," Monty said, eschewing a negative thought.

Oldcorn, an Englishman who lives in Scotland and has picked up the Edinburgh burr, sound-ed like a golfer who has been stranded on a desert island with a psychologist. "I have not been playing too badly but my mental performances have been pathetic the last six weeks and my confidence was low because I was under-achieving, Oldcorn said. He has made one halfway cut out of his last five

"I've had trouble motivating myself, hut I don't know why. It's as if I've been playing in a daze. I needed a kick up the backside and I got that from a few people at the weekend. I needed to change my attitude. I was particularly unpleasant to my caddie."

anticipating the prospect of seeing Paddington Bear in or-bit but the Scotsman, despite If any professional golfer is short of a teddy to throw out of the pram, then the caddie is the next best victim. "He's still with me," Oldcorn said of his bagman, John Lawlor. "I was just bad tempered. I was not trying. It was like being in a car with your foot on the accelerator and

nothing was happening."
Yesterday Montgomerie
knew the feeling but the difference between him and Oldcorn is that only the latter would admit it. Colin Montgomerie, at the first yesterday, hardly had his game in full swing

tion introduced a tough new se-

lection policy to avoid last year's controversy over their World

Championship team. Edwards was among several leading ath-

letes who were listed separately when the team was announced

and ordered to prove their fitness after missing the trials. He

did so spectacularly by setting a new world record in Salamanca

and went on to break it twice more at the championships, Colin Jackson and Sally Gun-

nell seek to overcome their

early season problems at a meet-

ing in Nuremburg tonight. Lin-

ford Christie is also there for his

the World Championships.



Lewis out of **Test** 

**Rugby Union** 

Steve Williams, Neath's No 8, has won a place in the Wales team to face Australia in the first Test at Ballymore tomorrow. He comes in at the expense of Emyr Lewis as Wales make three changes, one positional, from the team who finished the Five Nations Championship with a 16-15 victory over

Williams comes in as Lewis suffered a neck injury in the midweek defeat by New South Wales. Hemi Taylor switches from No 8 to blindside flanker and as Justin Thomas has been ruled out of the tour with a knee injury. Wayne Proctor will be-come Wales' fifth full-back in 17 internationals. Proctor, no mally a winger, broke his nose in training early in the tour and this will be his first match. The captain Jonathan Humphreys (hand), centre Leigh Davies (shoulder) and flanker Gwyn Jones (hamstring) are all fit.

Meanwhile across the Tasman Sea, Gary Armstrong has been presented with a further opportunity to claim the Test berth in the Scotland side to face New Zealand on Saturday week. Armstrong is paired with Gregor Townsend in the side to face Southland at Invercargill tomorrow. There is a doubt, however, about whether Townsend will play. Both he and lan Jardine have groin strains The England lock Garath Archer has been bauned for 30

days by Gloucestershire's disciplinary committee after receiving two yellow cards while playing for Bristol. Archer, now with Newcastle, will be forced to miss the first two Courage League games of next season.

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### **Edwards may miss trials**

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Jonathan Edwards is so concerned about his form that he may ask to be excused Britain's Olympic trials in Birmingham next week. The world triple jump champion has won all three competitions this season, taking his unbeaten run to 17, but he trailed until his final jump at Wednesday's Golden Gala grand prix in Rome and admitted to umping "like a sack of potatoes."

He added: "Like everyone else I've been told I have to do the trials and the last thing I want is to gain any advantage. But it has to be the aim of the selectors to make sure they send athletes to the Games in

the best possible shape and with the best chance of medals. "My form is awful and I might consider not going to the trials. It's feeling like the end of the season rather than the beginning. There's no excitement or huzz about my jumping. I'm running quickly, but there is no real zap.

"It's difficult to know what is going on. I have a bruised heel and my knee is sore but I don't know how much of it is physical. Maybe I'm just not being positive enough. "After years of being ordi-

nary, I've been catapulted into a situation where the event is suddenly all about me. I'm certainly finding out that there can be isolation and loneliness with success as well as failure."

The British Athletic Federa-

#### **Tait benefits** from brief acquaintance

Equestrianism

Blyth Tait had a brief 10 days accuraintance with the mare, Stroke of Luck, before gaining the best marks during yesterday's first day of dressage at the Bramham Three-Day Event, writes Genevieve Murphy.

The New Zealander now holds a narrow lead over two British riders, Simon Lawrence on The Bishop, and Ian Stark on Forest Glen.

Stroke of Luck is owned by Christian Landolt, who broke the mare at Luhmühlen last month, which is why Tait was

### Super League swoop

**Rugby League** DAVE HADFIELD

A team of inspectors will descend on clubs, from next Monday, with powers to withhold Super League payments if they have not used the money they have so far been given correctly.

The four-man team from Rugby League headquarters will start its investigations at Castleford and work its way around the Super League.

Among the matters under crutiny will be the appointment of chief executives, some-thing that is required of clubs under the "Framing the Future" hlueprint. Clubs which have not made an

handed the joh to someone from within, could have up to £4,000 a month held back from their next payment from News Limited, the game's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, has warned.
"These are not Gestapo tac-

tics," he said. "It is simply a matter of proper management." Paul Moriarty and Iestyn Harris are the leading candidates to take over from David Young as the Wales captain for

the match against England in Cardiff on 26 June. Young, an ever-present for Wales since the national side reformed in 1991, tore ankle ligaments in the victory over France on Wednesday and will he out for six weeks, missing the

appointment, or which have promotion to Super League.

candidate for the role, but the Welsh management were also impressed by the way the 19-year-old Harris took on extra responsibility after Young's injury in Carcassonne. The League is to consider an

Moriarty is now the senior

Photograph: Andrew Redington/Allsport

application from a club based at the Bordeaux football ground to play in either Super League or the First Division from 1998. A touch-judge has had his future appointments reviewed after missing a foot in touch that

should have led to a Warrington try against Castleford being disallowed last Friday.

The League has ruled, however, that the video referee was correct in a series of decinext phase of Salford's push for sions on tries and near-tries

during the match.

NEXT WEEKEND

#### first race against the world 100m champion, Donovan Bailey, since the Canadian accused him his shoulder after falling from of feigning a hamstring injury at

CRICKET: First Comhill Insurance Test (second day of five, 11.0): England v Index (Edgbaston). Bettanne. Assurance County Chemponship (second day of three, 11.30): Oxford Univ v Worcessprahler (The Parks). DRAG RACINGE FIA European Professional Champonship (see Marston). The field for the maugural champonship includes Top Fuel and Too Acond oragisters plus Purnly Cars and dagracing takes. Haring today until Sunday starts at 10m. Admission: Today ES, tomorow £1.4, SUnday £15. Wes-Nord today finduales free camping £35. 12-16 year-olds are helf-proe, 11 and under are free. Avon Park Raceway is at Long Marston, near Strattors upon-Avon, Warweickshier. M40, Junction 15 to Strattor and follow signs for Broadway.

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from 9am today. The speed and rendurance states at 2.30am tomorrow, with the first house on the cross-country at 9.45am. On Sunday, show pumping states at 10am. Admissions todays £5 per person, tomorrow £8, Sunday £7. Brancham Park, Wesherby, West Yorkshire, is close to A1, five miles south of Wetherby. GOUP: English Open Forest of Arden, Admission: £15 daily (includes parking), Juniors and OAPs are half-price. Forest of Arden House Golf and Country Club, Mapstolie Lane, Mendon Warnedschire, to nine miles weed of Covertry, off A45. Junioten four of M8, (Tet O1676 522335). from 9am today. The speed and endurance stans at 2.30am tomorrow, with the first ho-

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ARCHERTY: UK Masters (Meshad). The Masters, held outdoors, is an invitation event, open only to master bownen, Bitton's Olympic team are competing. The shoot-off stars at 10cm tomdorow and at 9.45sm on Sunday, Spectoring is free. Utleshell Spon and Conference Centre, near Newport, Shropshire, is significant of A518, south-west of Newport, Crief 01982 6030033.

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On Sunday, racing starts at noon. Wouth from the pier where there will be full commentary.

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PICK OF THE DAY THIS WEEKEND/Windsurfing North Sea Cup

The third and penultimate leg of the North Sea Cup and the third Boardsailing Association's Na-tional Series at Hythe, Kent, this weekend comprise the largest and most competitive windsuring regatta in Britain this season, with a fleet of more than 200 sailors. The North Sea Cup, contested by Britain, France, the Netherlands and Belgium, will have an overseas contingent of 70-plus Aloha and

MOTORICYCLING: Post IT Race Meeting (Mallony Perk). A fease for cleased motoryde items,
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SPEEDWAY: RIM World Championship Overseas final (Covertry). Ridess from Britain, Australa, New Zestand and the United States compete. Prist race is at 6.30pm. Admission: £9. £10. adults, £4.50. £5 children/OAPs.
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Raceboard sailors making their way

across the Channel. Among the British entry will be Mark Kay, the Manchester windsurfer who was last year's winner of the Cup series. Racing starts at noon tomorrow allowing the Continental competitors time to reach Hythe and the massed start of the main fleet will be quite a spectacle from the seafront when competition gets under way amid the blaze of multi-coloured sails.

Withere to watch: Hythe and Saltwood Sel-ing Club, Hythe, Hern (let: 01303 2653/78). Five races are scheduled for each class over

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PortBALL: Monday: European Champlorship Brown & Netherlands v Scotland (4.30) (ar villa Paris), Group B: Bornanis v France (7.30) (St James' Paris). Tuesday: Group D: Turiesy Croose (7.30) (ar Chy Ground). Truniday: Group A: Suitzeland v Netherlands (7.30) (at Villa Paris), Group B: Builgane v Romanis (4.30) (at St James' Paris). Il S Cup: Republic of Iroland v Mexico (12.30) (at Glants Stodium, New Jersey). Friday: European Champlenship Group C: Cech Republic of Iroland v Mexico (12.30) (at Glants Stodium, New Jersey). Friday: European Champlenship Group C: Portugal v Turiny (4.30) (at City Ground). Triday: Stones Super League: Warrington v Leeds (7.30), Second Dheisione Barrow v Dorossatar (7.30), Second Dheisione Barrow v Dorossatar (7.30).
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POUTRALL Seturday: European Champton-ship Group A: Scotland v England (3.0) (at Wembley Stadium), Group B: France v Span (6.0) (at Elland Rood), US Cup: Republic of Ireland v Bolvid (7.30) (a Glants Stadium, Now Jersey), Sonday: European Champton-ship Group C: Gentrary v Russia (3.0) (or Od Tration), Group D: Denmark v Crostia (6.0) (at Hillsborough).

Trafford). Group D: Denmark v Croeue (6.0) (at Hilbsborough). RUGBY LEARNIE: Saturday: Stores Super League: Sheffield v Parls (6.0). Sanday: Stores Super League: Sheffield v Parls (6.0). Sanday: Stores Super League: Castiedort Tigars v Bradford Buita: London Broncoa v Halifax (at Cherton Athletic FC).

RUGBY UNION: Saturday: International Match: New Zealand v Scotland (3.30cm) (at Dunedin). Tour Match: NSW Country v Wales (5.30cm) (at Morea).

CROCKET: Sanday: AVA Equity and Law League (one day, 2.0).

RACING: Saturday: BATH: Cub £12; Tattersals £8; Silver Ring £4. (accompanied under-19s free). First accords (6.45). LINGATELD: Members £13, Tattersals £8; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). SANDOWNE: Cub £15. Lindor Cub (16.25) vanda £13; Tattersals £12; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). SANDOWNE: Cub £15. Lindor Cub (16.25) vanda £13; Tattersals £12; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). SANDOWNE: Cub £15. Lindor Cub (16.25) vanda £13; Tattersals £12; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). SANDOWNE: Cub £15. Lindor Cub (16.25) vanda £13; Tattersals £12; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). SANDOWNE: Cub £15. Survice £130; Tattersals £12; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). SANDOWNE: Cub £15. Survice £130; Tattersals £12; Silver Ring £5 (6.0). Narricet Researc as Finday (2.10).

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1995 was Michael Doohan's year at the
British Grand Prix. The World 500cc motorcycling champion had an emphatic
victory at Dorlington Park and finished

the season the overall winner. This season he continues to dominate after five

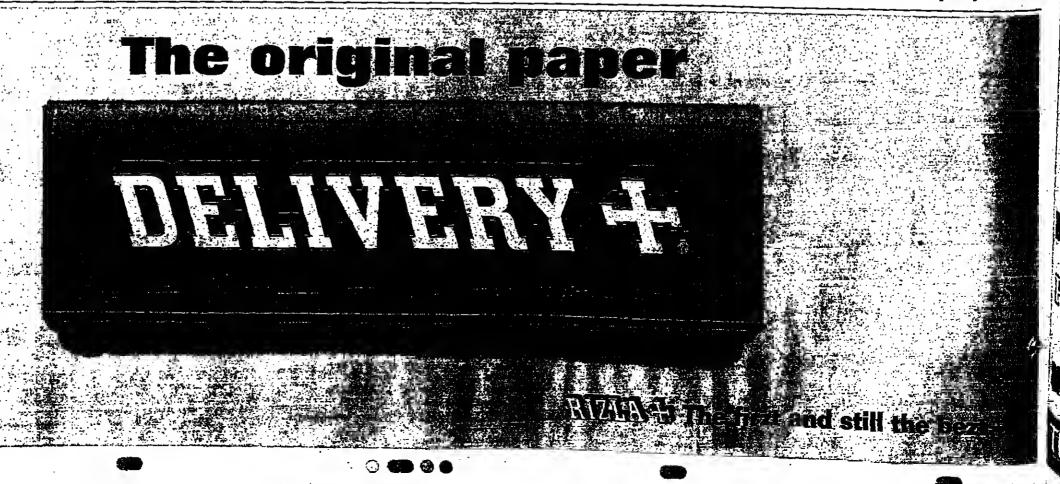
The British round, over the weekend of 19 to 21 July, continues to offer re-duced advance admission prices. Fit-day and Saturday are a muture of practice and qualifying, with the British Sidecar Grand Prix on Saturday evening. On Sunday, The Thunderbike Trophy and Thumbh Phallender support the 175r. Tnumph Challenge support the 125cc, 250cc and 500cc championship races.

in cause CLL199 3-8,2024.
Admission: Friday £10 adults, time access to infield; Saturday £12, infield viewing area £4 descript, gives £7 and Grandshard spet (Indides infield) £20 exits. Adult two-day dichet (Saturday £30 exits) and Saturday £40 exits. unday and Sunday) with eray to speciator stat-side enclosures £32 in advance; adult three-day ticket £42 in advance. Accompa-nied children, 15 and under, are free. Postal annifestions elisas

nied drilifren, 15 and under, am ince, Polish applications close a week before evert and credit eard purchases on 18 July, Camphil; £4.50 for the weekend. The Creak late to the East Mediands In-ternational Airpon, three miles from junctions 23A/24 of M1,M42/A42, Neonest railway sta-tions are Derby and Loughborough on the Lo-don to Sheffield line (1.332–257000) and Leisester and Notinghern. Buy connections from 81 four stedons (0.1332–25200) and 0.11.5 924 0000. The circuit has a heliped, operated in conjuction with East Midlands [5] exceptional Airport. Details from Donlargion 1-24.

Details of forthcoming events with information on tickets and venues should be sent to: The Sports Desk, The Independent, I Cana-da Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL. Fax: 0171 293 2894.

Compiled by Paul Maker



fort to get Derby day right. The Oaks, first run in 1779, has been

ignored like a little old lady sit-

ting in a wheelchair in the cor-

Sharp, Sun Princess and Salsabil

have won the Classic in the days

when it was run on the Satur-

thrown away on a Friday, the af-

terthought beforehand, little more than an appetiser, a chunk

of garlic bread to be tossed

to regain some meaning it sure-

ly has to move to join the Der-

If this fillies' championship is

CATTERICK

2.10 Vax Star 2.40 Madam Zando 3.10 Phantom Dancer 3.40 Calder King 4.15 Ivor's Deed 4.45

GOING: Good to Pirm (Good in places, watering).

STALLS: Gf - outside; rest - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for bf, when stalls far side.

Left-hund course, unclusting and sharp. Not suitable for the long-

Extracted course, undusting and sharp. Not suitable for the long-striding horse.
 Raccourse, is NW of town on A6136. Durlington station 14m - bus service to course, ADMOSEION: Club 511, Tattensulls 57, Course 52.50 (under 16a free into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Members 52, remainder Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mathon (visored, 3.10); Imp Espress

RIJNNEERED FIRST TIME: Mathon (visored, 3.10); Imp Express (2.40), Korud (2.40), WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None, LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Milecrian Befurb (2.40) & Mathons (3.10) sent 235 miles from by M Chancon from Upper Lambourn, Beriechter; Ivor's Deed (4.15), C Wall; Taskift (3.40), D Moriey; Singforyoursupper (2.10) G Margarson; Capture The Moment (2.40) R Williams; all sent 20) miles from Newmarkes, Suffolk.

around the table.

SIS RACING

Great, great fillies like Oh So



**EPSOM** 

2.15 Granny's Pet 2.50 Naked Welcome

3.20 Rio Duvida

**HYPERION** 

GOING: Good (Good to Farm in phrees in straight.)

GOING: Good (Good to Farm in phrees in straight.)

STALLS: Straight course - stards' side remainder - listale

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 56, Low from 71 to 10f.

Left-hand course, sharp and unshisting. The straight 51 is the fastest in the 10k.

Reservourse is S of town - Unit from the center of Landon. Three railway statums serve the rourse. Epono (Existe from Victoria and Waterland and the newer Epono Dones (Vectoria) and Tattersham Corner (Charles Cross and Victoria) ADMINSMOS.

Queen's Stand 530 (Juniors 16-2' ons 520); Club 520 (Juniors 51.2), Grandstand 515.

Lonable enclosures 57. CAR PARK: 56 to 520

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: R. Hammon - 11 winners from 119 runners it a ratio of 11.8% giving a rounn to a 51 level stake of -511.1%; R. Ahebunst - 11 winners, 70 runners, 55.7%, +56.51, M. Stoute - 8.49 16.31.14.7%; G. Lewis - 8. winners, 84 runners, 9.57%, -5 12.30, J. Dandop - 7 winners, 9.8 runners, 18.6%, -5.4.77. C. Brittada - 7 winners, 56 runners, 16.2%, +582.50, S. Door - 5 winners, 50 runners, 50

C REMAIN — 7 WINNESS, 50 PRINCES, 10. W. TALLOW, S DON'S — WINNESS, 50 (1907).

E LEADPIG JOUEETS; M. Roberts — 2.2 WINNESS, 10. Trides, 22 7% + 5.72 15. J. Reide — 15 WINNESS, 50 (1908). 45 8.46. Pat Eddery — 15 WINNESS, 57 rates, 15 feb., 582.23. W. Carroon — 9 WINNESS, 16 rates, 16.5%, 584.52. L. Dettard — 9 WINNESS, 15 rates, 18.7% 5.72 87.

ELEMENT TIMES PRINCE TIMES Licens (Property, 112) rates, 586. Available [12, 14.5]. Alexandress [13, 14.5].

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Call Me [5 15] sent (2-) miles from ( Thorston's Mai Scham stoble in North Vorkshare.

2.15 VODATA STAKES (CLASS 8) £15,000 added 2YO colts and geldings 5f Penalty Value £8,930

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PORM GUIDE

RUDE AWARDENING has the birthers on hiving disappointed over 5x furloriga of Portefract less time. Good Levid's cot had opened his account over the minimum timp of the
same course previously following seconds to Himmeonmenthelenight at frumption and Flooders or Newmarket. Herecomesthelenight came from off tittle pace to best Rude Awarening,
half a length and has twee run well in defeat since. However, he looks as though he warre,
on ears furling now, whereas Rude Awarening will be very well sunted by this fact five
Joint Venture needed behiers before breaking his duck with an all-life-way, win on the
good to soft at Hardock lost month, He is the kholy pocontaker from the craw next to the
rais but may find Rude Awarening too strong, farming's Pet has come up optims the of
the best juveniles seen so far, going down two lengths to Deplingt in Duzou at Newtur,
Nemigover Sequence little and then her lengths to Deplingt in Duzou at Newtur,
Nemigover Sequence little and then her lengths to Deplingt in Duzou at Residue,
Sealer cost was done for speed over the fast Goodwood five and that may again be the
case today.

Selections RUDE AWARENING

2.50 VODAPAGE RATED HANDICAP(CLASS B) £35,000 C4

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wercome was again propped out when comesting any croup into Joney Club states in Newmarks test time and, in that should not be such a problem now that he drops back once the pace had quickened. That should not be such a problem now that he drops back in class, as he showed when wanning a similar event of Nowmarkst lost October by a neck from Sectar Vale, when Son Of Shainp Shot was over an implify back in fifth. Son Of Sharp Shot is 10th better off with Nohed Welcome compared to Nowmarkel, but he hard-

Sharp Shot is 10th better off with Nohed Welcome compared to Nowmarkel, but no hardly sparkled on his comebook at HQ when a well-bestian eighth of 12 bohind Beauchamp
Jade, a race in which Backigammon finished thrift. Bookgammon went on to be runnerup to Prussian Blue at Coodwood (1m8f), with Source of Light (who did not get much
lack in running) about three lengths back in fourth. He can go close again with a light
weight. Madenname, o flood winner in lestand for John Ow tost year, has run poorly earrundles and on the Flar at Newbury in two starts for Reg Akehurst, but there was cut in
the ground on both occasions and he is better on fast ground. He should not be written
off yet, Mystic HRI should be off the botter for his Kenglion return behind Zerman, his
first run for Gay Hannood, who bought him out of Riger Charitor's stable at the Newmarket Autumn Seles. He is 30 to up of the handcap but capable of a good show. Aretic
Thomater was out of his depth in Election Duy's Listed race at Newbury on his return but
probably has anough weight anywey.

Selections NANED WELCOME.

2986: Mr Marter 5 9 4 M Roberts 25-1 (C Brittant 7 ran FORMA GURDE)

TARCKATAMINI just makes most expeed. The Godolphin numer was a smart juvenile for Michael Stoute in 1,994, winding up with fourth place to Pennekamp in the Dewharst, but missed all last season, He seemed to retain all his ability judged on a win and second over a mile in Duba and was all the rage on his return to this country, but he flopped at Heydock at 9-4 on behind Mester Boots. The soft ground probably counted against him and he is just worth another chance. Mr Martini was a 25-1 chance when beating Be Mandad in this race leat year. He benefited from being up there throughout, missing the sommaging their wort on behind, and may find life tougher this time around, as he tacks a recent run and centres a Group Three penalty, Behavieur Reled to live up to the promise of his second to Tarawa at Ascot (Blomberg seventy) when last of 13 in First Island's York race, finishing behind Silice Blanks, who is 3lb better off. Silica Blanks, who has won twice on the course, did not run bedly in Germany five days ago and has for each way prospects. Blomberg talks a significant step up in class following his Wristian Cap wint from Royal Philosopher but is at least in form, it a interesting to see the Doylor cott Olemberg de Royal Philosopher but is at least in form, it a interesting to see the Doylor cott Olemberg de Royal Philosopher but is at least in form, it a study when a short-head second to Phylisher on his final start at Locester, but he pulled hard at Lingleid, so the shorter top could help. Rio Duvids hes on excellent chance on his smart juvenile form, including his win at the Craven and Predominase Stakes the term suggest he has not progressed. Selection: TARNATAMM

4.40 VODAC VICTRESS STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £25,000 added fitties 1m 114yds Penalty Value £17,425

3.20 VODAFONE DIOMED STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £45,000 1m 114yds Penalty Value £28,850

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RETURN: 6-4 Amony's Pet, 12-4 John Venture, 3-1 Rusic Assistants, 7-1 No. 8-1 Hungsver Square, 14-1 Telemen 1995: Proce Adia 2 8 9 D Millore 100-30 At Inhastory 5 Am

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STANDERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

4.05 Pricket (nb) 4.40 Tereshkova

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While the Epsom mechanics tinpush the little old lady down Tatker about with the right day for tenham Hill in recent years the Derby, the oldest Classic on has been the Maktoum suthe Downs has been left to find premacy. Persistent dominaits own way to the scrapheap. tion does not make good Edward Gillespie, the director of racing at United Race-courses, has continually spectating and the boys from Dubai have won all but one of the last nine Oaks. The Godolinformed us that every drop of phin team is on a hat-trick this perspiration his team has lost this year has been shed in an ef-

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Madam Zando (Catterick 2.40) NB: Amron (Haydock 8.15)

afternoon following the suc-cesses of Balanchine and Moonshell, who was trained day after the Wednesday Der-by. These days the Oaks is by Henry Cecil before she took her winter sun.

Here we touch on the big sell-ing point of the race. Sheikh Mohammed again goes into battle with another former Cecil-trained horse, Pricket, but this time there is a difference, The two barons of the sport are no longer connected; in fact a huge sword was sliced through

a Saturday or (preferably) a last October when their visions of the future set off to different A factor that has helped points of the compass.

If boxing's promotional men had got hold of this one the buckets of glue and brushes would have been attending every spare wall space in Surrey, advertising the Newmarket Assassin against the Emirates Buzzsaw. Bad blood remains.

It seems one of the two must win today. While Mezzogiorno has each-way prospects, especially as Cash Asmussen can be gnaranteed not to get there too soon, Pricket, the pride of the Maktoum tribe, and Lady Carla, Cecil's unbeaten filly, have t between them.

The former stablemates possess similar form figures, having won once last season and a second time this. Both have been working well on the New-

market gallops.

Lady Carla, it must be said, won a Lingfield Oaks trial which was about as physically demanding as an audition for a barbershop quartet, beating three rivals at odds of 4-11. Pricket's victory in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Headquarters

2.10 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,600 added 2YO filles 5f

BETTHER 7-4 Double Park, 2-1 Van Star, 11-4 Eschnetion, 6-1 Calchon,

2.40 JERVAULX HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450

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forgotten figure of the meeting. Now he knows how the Oaks

Godolphin have been tempted

to elevate Pricket (4.05) to the

head of the batch they have

brought over this season, she

As expected, Michael Stoute's Dr Massini was taken

out of the Derby at yesterday's

48-hour declaration stage and

his booked jockey, Michael Ki-

nane, lost no time in dislodging Willie Ryan on Cecil's second

Warren Place's No 3, Clever

Cliche, was later announced as

the mount of Richard Hughes,

leaving the luckless Ryan as the

Yesterday's results, page 23

3.40 LESLIE PETCH HANDICAP (CLASS E)

HYPERION

OCCO MATHON (7) IN Creation 8 11. P P Marphy (5) 3 V 46-DOOD PRINTED DANCER (23) J Berry 8 9 J Create 8

has to be the selection.

string, Storm Trooper,

#### was at the expense of, among 4.05 VODAFONE OAKS (CLASS A) (Group 1) £200,000 C4 others, Magnificient Style, who went on to capture another 1 1101-23 BRT SASABL (ISSA) (XX) (Hamson A Mathum I During 90 ... (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap) Oaks trial, York's Musidora Stakes. She was subsequently supplemented for the Classic at a cost of £15,000, but withdrawn yesterday because the ground is too firm. Not all the spendthrifts have been run out of town, it ap-On the form book Magnificient Style would not have had much chance anyway and as

## (Write, red chevron, rejob blue steeves, red 211 WHITE WATER AFFAIR (LIS) U M Greetsent M Stock 90 11 211 WHITEMATER AFFAIR (18) U M Greetrant M SOLD 9 D ... FYEION, black hoop & armiets, red capital property of the sold of MDEPERDENT BATTAKES 111 Lady Carto, 100 Pricinal, 106 Honnet Quart, 105 Honey's Cast, 104 Steet, 5 102 Waltowater, Affair, 97 Mezzaglerna, 103 Shidoy Youtura, 80 Fazaway We PROCNET really impressed in the Prenty Polity States, 80 Reasony Wilders, -1 FORM GUIDE PROCNET really impressed in the Prenty Polity States, easily beating Foreway Vilengins. Faceway Wilders pleaning may cast doubt on the form, but she is a set on fast ground heaving no Bosta Sharin to 3-10 lengths over an insequents is her debut. She can reach the frame today with mp and going to suit. Lady of impressive winner of the Lingfield Oels. Thoi, in which Moody's Cast was five fer third. That mails her as the one namer guaranteed to handle this course on However, the value of the Lingfield form a as open to question as their of the and it struutus line of from including Genetia Macaritur and Classic River goes in find with Procket. Ray Occhano would have ridden Misszogionso in preference in States warner. Wildswater Affair, who, like Camponese and Meantify, may pograms, were he not must do that seems the right choice. Mezzogionso trush of Hannest Goest and Faceway Wilders at Neuropried last October and ran our, able three-length winner from Quota in a Newtury Listed race. Alinimum: 7st 10to. True h'cap weights: Sritch 7st 9to, Ang-Pong Belt 7st 5tc. SETSPIC: 9-2 Milestries Rehard, 5-1 Ledy Careline Lauris, 9-1 Separtifilis, Don't Tull Auguste, 7-1 Mindate Zando, Guespyr, Donnins, 6-1 others 3.10 SCORTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)

in the Render	of the Lingleid Delic Trial, in which libody's Cat was five lengths back in ser as the one runner guaranteed to handle this course on test ground, of the Lingleid form is as open to question as true of the Presis from runding General Macarthur and Classic Pijer gives her pient, to by Cochrano would have ridden liberargiones on preference to the Lupe thewater Affair, who, like Camponess and Identity, may prefer claser of injured and that seems the right choice. Mezzagomo finished in front and Paraway Waters at Neutraried last Detacher and ran out a confor- errier from Quota in a Neutrary Listed ruce. Selection: PPICKET
	SETTING: 8-4 Calder King, 5-2 Phorty Dencer, 3-1 Here Comes Herbin, 8-1 Cross Talls, 10-1 Yashir, 12-1 Roy Boy, 66-1 Public Way
	4.15 APPRENTICE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 7f
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### HAYDOCK\_\_\_

HYPERION 6.45 Drummer Hicks 7.15 Pandiculation 7.45 Farmost 8.15 Amron 8.45 Arctic Fancy 9.15 Samuel Scott

GOING: Good, STALLS: 1m inside except 1m 2f - stands side, DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 6f to 6f; Low 7/30yd to 1m/40yd.

Almost flat, oval course, straight 6f course.

Exerceourse is near junction of ASSO and M6, Nemon station 2m. ADMISSION: County Stand \$14; Tattersalls \$8; Newton Stand \$13.50 (OAFs half-price at Tattersalls and Newton Stand). GAR PARKE Free.

SIS

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Power Game (7.45), Bloom Boy (7.45).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Flocheck (9.15) won at Bathlest Friday; Farmost (7.45) won at Folkestone on Wednes-

ray. LUNG-DISTANCE RUNNEES: Salamander King (8.46) sem !!42 miles from Lady Herries' Augmering Park stable in West Sussex.

6.45 RED ROSE MEN AMATEURS' HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 1m 2f 120yds 

7.15 EBF WEAVER MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 6f

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NG: 2-1 General's Star, 9-4 Groom's Gordon, 5-1 Pendicula pronto, 8-1 Benkers Order, 12-1 Mildyen Queen, 14-1 others

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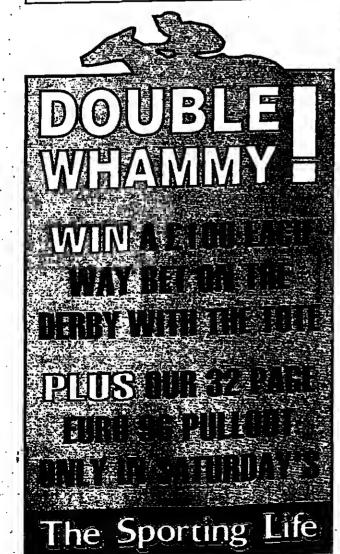
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come up against the useful Dead-ly Dudley on his debut at Goodwood, may go one better. 

2.50: NAKED WELCOME. far from disgraced in finishing 13 lengths seventh to Riyadian in the Group Two Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket, has less to do today and could make class count.

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4.65: PRICKET, a full sister to the 1988 Oaks winner Diminuendo looked in the same class when winning the Listed Pretty Polly Stakes by five lengths over 10 fur-longs at Newmarket on 1,000 Guineas day, Identify, impressive 51/2 lengths winner of a Listed coning surface at the Curragh, might prefer the mod. The main threat By the 1989 2,000 Guineas and the 1990 1,000 Guineas and Oaks winner, Salsabil, she was too slow to emulate her parents in the Guineas but might be a different proposition at this trip.

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Teneshikova, a smart performer for Andre Fabre in 1994 and 1995, she seems sure to
be well supported but the improving AURITY JAME is preferred. Burry Hills has his numers,
in good form and the Distant Relative filly confurred the promise of her Newtury debut
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in Tayly on her final start last yeer, managed a second to Private Line at Sandown on a
behated respiceance in August, so lack of a recent run need not be a problem. Musertta, fourth in last year's Cales, other mates the trunning but would be valierable to anthing with a turn of look over this trip. Best of the others should be Denina Viola, third to
A La Carte at Ascot on her final start lest season and likely to be spot on after two must,
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FORM GUIDE FREEQUENT won o Beverley made in April and followed up in impressive style by an easy five lengths from Blaze Of Song at Leicester in his first handicap. A 4th penalty is hardly sufficient to prevent him withing again, particularly with the longer trip in his favour. The extra futiong is in Trojain Ristric Favour, Geoff Lever's geoing coming with a sustained to lead close home over nine futiongs at Kempton last time. He is only 3th higher for beauth Visignite time-curians at a larger and earn even my specificion most to do. United beating Krisciffe three-quariers of a length and earn give my seektion most to do. Uto us is not out of a judged on his run behind Dr Massini at Kempton and is thed visore in his first handicap after disappointing at Newbury last time. The stop up in distance will suit. Jamaica Filipht, while Spirito Libro is in-form.

Selection: FREEQUENT

#### O'Neill banned

Dane O'Neill, having his first ride in the Derby on Zaforum tomorrow, will miss Royal Ascot after being given a 10-day ban at Goodwood yesterday.

The top apprentice was found guilty of reckless riding aboard Without Friends in the claiming race. The horse finished second but was disqualified and placed last. O'Neill, who plans to appeal, is hanned on 15, 17-22 and 24-26 June.



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## Method behind the numbers game



his first squad, in March 1994, he said he wished he could have called up 50 players. rather than the 18 he had chosen. It sounded like a typical Venables quip, but il was oot. Tomorrow, two years, three months and 19 internationals later, he picks his first competitive XI having giveo auditions to 54.

hut 47 made it into the team, 27 of them capped for the first time. A few players may feel they did not get a fair crack - Matt Le Tissier among them - but oo one can argue they were not given a chance.

Along the way there were a few surprises. Kevin Richardson was so astonished to be picked in Venables' second squad he sat reading his name on Teletext for two minutes io case it disappeared. Steve Bould, Barry Veoisoo and the Neville brothers, Phil and Gary, were just as shocked wheo they got the call.

The Nevilles survived the regular culling prompted by loss of form, loss of fitness or, in some extreme casothers fell by the wayside, often with dramatic speed. Ever since he got the job Venables has complained he did not have enough matches in which to develop his team, a situa-tion oot helped by the cancellation of the German fixture and the abandonment in Dublin.

In consequence he has had to move quicker than he wanted. He has never sent the same team out twice, he has only played four games

Terry Venables has called up 54 players to his various squads, but he has always had a long-term strategy in mind, says Glenn Moore

playing just one game. No wonder cept the last - when Phil Neville was one critic accused him of throwing giveo a debut.

around caps like confetti. In goal David Seaman gradually around caps like confetti.

charge and, despite all the chopping and changing, he may have been jus-tified in doing so. Whilst he has oev-Seven of those never got beyond er stopped experimenting he has Bisham Abbey's training pitches preserved several strands of contiouity. It would be stretching a point to say he has always known what direction he was going in, but he has followed a consistent path.

From the first Venables sought to build a squad which is flexible and versatile. The emphasis has becood intelligent players with the wit and awareness to adapt to a variety of systems and formations. There has also been a growing trend towards youth. The first squads included Richardson, Steve Bould, Peter Beardsley, Barry Venison and John Barnes. Chris Waddle would also have been included if fit.

None of them survive. Instead four players, Nick Barmby, Sol Redkuapp, who were brought into the squad for the United States game "for the experience" are now in the final 22 on merit.

There has also been continuity in the line-ups. Teo of his first squad have made it through to the final 22. Alan Shearer, Tony Adams and Darren Andertoo have played in every game for which they have been fit. David Platt has only missed out Pearce, has played every game ex- despite a good debut, David Uus- ceived wider recognition. Shearer they are only just beginning.

coigne was playing for Rangers in the Scottish Cup final.

Venables reacted angrily to that saw off the challenge of Tim Flow-large and, despite all the chopping ers; Teddy Sheringham and Nick Barmby superceded Peter Beards-ley; Gary Neville stepped ahead of Rob Jones. The latter, like Le Saux.

VENABLES' LIKELY STARTING LINE-UPS FOR EURO 96

(1) PLAYING FOUR AT THE BACK SEAMAN G NEVELE ADAMS SOUTHGATE PEARCE ANDSTON GASCOIGNE INCE PLATT SHEARER (2) PLAYING THREE AT THE BACK G NEVIUE . ADAMS UNDERTON GASCOIGNE PLATT MISHANAMAN

SHEARER .or Stone may play on the right of midfield, with Ickforemen ampoint out and Anderson Switch-

Gary Pallister, Mark Wright and Stan Collymore, was finally ruled out. of Euro 96 through injury.

Injury, the constant partner of the foothaller, also appears to have brought a premature end to the claims of Bould Paul Parker, Neil Ruddock and John Scales, none of whom regained a squad place lost fit, David Platt has only missed out through injury. Loss of club form was once. At left-back either Graeme Le the other main cause of shattered Saux, or his replacement Stuart dreams. It accounted for Richardson,

worth, Paul Merson, Andy Cole and all seven fringe players. Venison's promising start was not enough to save him after he moved to Turkey while Barnes dropped out after missing the Norway game oo com-passionate leave after his wife miscarried. Warren Barton, Colin

Cooper and David Batty failed to take their chance, though each could earn another under Glenn Hoddle. Which brings us to Le Tissier. He has harely rated a mentioo in recent weeks but, 15 months ago, the country was calling for him. Had that

dipping volley gone in against Ro-

mania il could have been so differ-

ent. As it was, he was dropped after the Dublio débacle, Venables having decided that, while Southamptoo had to iodulge his capriciousness. England did not. His subsequent form has precluded any clamour for a recall.

Le Tissier was one of a clutch of new players brought in by Venables wheo he took over. Andersuccesses, both taking naturally to international football as Venables began with his famous Christmas

tree (4-3-2-1) formation. That was modified after the World Cup when he noted that 17 of the 24 finalists operated with split strikers and most flooded the midfield. Toddy Sheringham came in to play off Shearer and they clicked from the start. It took another nice from the start. It took another nioc games, and his goal against Switzer-land, before his contribution re-land, before his contribution re-

has since struggled to score goals but, in general, chanes have been created elsewhere and Venables' policy of picking goalscoring midfielders suggests England will not suffer many blanks.

Venables tried other ideas, against Romania and Ireland he pushed the forwards wide, hoping to create space for players coming through. Against Ireland he also aimed to push the full-backs into midfield and pull Paul Ince back towards the central defence. It was too early, the team were a mess and Ince was not happy playing there.

Thirteen months and a spell of exile later Ince was more amenable and the team had a better understanding of Venables' aim. He was now seeking to follow Ajax's defensive system. The full-hacks were pulled in rather than pushed up, a central defeoder was asked to be prepared to step ioto midfield - or a central midfielder be ready to step back. "You need the players," Don Howe said, and Southgate's emergence solved the former problem, Ince's development the latter, England are now capable of playing the

Wright and Le Saux will be missed, but most teams have some injuty problems. Venables has achieved the flexibility he aimed for though he would have liked to give Southgale, Steve Howey, Sol Campbell and others more experieoce.

Now it is down to his best XI. It is not in Venables' nature to pick a side and stick by it, he will adapt it

### Swiss reject Wembley offer

scored during game

RUPERT METCALF

Having been refused permission to train on the Wembley pitch on Wednesday, due to a clash with the rehearsal for the European Championship opening cere-mony, the Swiss camp turned down an offer from the Football Association to practise at the national stadium today.

We will not bother now," said Artur Jorge, the Swiss coach whose side face England in the tournament opento four hours to travel to Wembley and back from our hotel host nation first. All the province of Limburg, where

and that is too much the day before a game. I am not worried that we are going straight to Wembley without having practised there, because our players were here in November and know what it is like. But in normal circumstances it would have been nice to train there and we are unhappy that this

"England are probably a hetter team than us," Jorge added, "but that doesn't mean we cannot get a good result against them. You might be surprised

has not been allowed.

like a national revolution if they don't win."

Jorge will name his side today. The Evertoo full-back, Marc Hottiger, and Sion's Raphaël Wicky are both ruled out due to suspension. Also hanned from his side's first game is the Dutch captain, Danny Blind, whose side are likely to face Scotland at Villa Park on Monday with a part-timer taking Blind's place in defence.

Johan de Kock, a civil engi-

expectation will be on them and his club Roda JC Kerkrade are ANDREW MARTIN think they may fear something based, looks certain to play based, looks certain to play against the Scots. "It is correct I have two jobs - I have a wife and two children to support but it is 75 per cent football and only 25 per cent road-building."

De Kock said. The Netherlands are also likely to be without the Ajax striker Patrick Klnivert, who is struggling to recover from a knee injury. "There is still some fluid on the knee after he trained and to be honest the situation is that we just doo't know where we are with him." Guus Hiddink, the Dutch

Rae becomes a Rokerman

Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, has agreed a fee of around £750,000 with Millwall for Alex Ree, the former Soutland Under-21 midfielder.

"He is a player I have tracked since my days at Manchester City," said Reid, who yesterday completed the signing of a new three-year contract. "He is an attacking midfield player who has got good feet in football terms and he can get goals from the middle of the park. "I honestly think he is an exciting player who will do well in

the Premiership. I know I have got to improve the squad and that is not taking anything away from the players I already have, they

were magnificent last season."
The Manchester United fullhack, Paul Parker, is poised to join fellow Premiership newcomers Derby County on Monday. The former England defender is a free agent after his

contract ended last month. Another former England player, Chris Waddle, has rejected new terms from Sheffield Wednesday. The 35-year-old, who has been at Hillsborough

that he wants to leave by the end of the mouth. Mel Stein, his the Intertoto Cup. agent, said an offer has been made from the United States, hut Waddle is likely to reject it and look for a new deal in this

country The Huddersfield Town manager, Brian Horton, has signed a new three-year contract with the First Divisioo club. The agreement also covers the other members of Horton's management team, David Moss and Dennis Booth.

The Spanish and Italian foot-ball authorities have received for four years, has told the club's manager, David Pleat, the European governing body.

for withdrawing teams from

The Italians must pay £500,000 for withdrawing three teams, while the Spaniards were given a £160,000 penalty for pulling out their only entrant, Real Oviedo. Some 60 teams have entered the competition. which starts later this month. It gives clubs the opportunity to

qualify for the Uefa Cup. Parma, Roma and In-ternazionale originally entered the Interioto draw, but they subsequently backed out when it became clear they would qualify automatically for the Uefa

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## Novotna back to her losing ways

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Paris

A touch of déjà vu will be welcome when those great rivals Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario face each other in the final of the Frencis Open tomorrow, although just about any sort of contest would be an improvement on yester-day's semi-finals.

Granted, temperatures touching 90F in the shade made conditions less than ideal, al-Feough Graf said there was sufficient wind on the court to lesson the effect of the heat. In any event, stouter resistance was anticipated from third-seeded Conchita Martinez, who was defeated by Graf, 6-3, 6-1, in 67 minutes, and Jana Novotna. beaten by Saochez Vicario. 6-3, 7-5, in 97 mioutes.

The 10th-seeded Novotna was unrecognisable as the player who had capitalised oo Monica Seles's timidity in the previous round. Her 42 unforced errors vesterday were only five short of the total in the Graf-Martioez match.

After holding two break points in the sixth game of the first set. Novotna won only two of the next 22 points, by which time Sanchez Vicario was a game ahead in the second set. Aside from double-faulting eight times. Novotna contrived the odd novelty shot, including a smash from the haseline which bit the netcord judge.

was that her opponent - who also happens to be her doubles partner - was negative. "Arantxa doesn't really do anything." she complained. She runs around the court and just brings the ball back and waits for somebody else's mistakes."

In yesterday's heat, that seemed like hard work. But, let Novotna continue: "Tactically, I thought I was playing really well, but I just couldn't finish the halls the way I would like to, or like the way I did when I played Monica.

She added: "I knew it would harder to win this match than to beat Monica. Either vou're going to win this match or you're going to lose this match. It's not that Arantxa won the match: it's that I lost the match."

Novotna certainly did her cause no good in losing her serve with the second set there to be won, at 5-4. having just hrokeo her opponent. Two games later. the match was over, nerves again creeping into Novotoa play as she served in the hope

of at least forcing a tie-break. Sanchez Vicario, for all her scurrying, always looked the more confideot. She said: "I think I knew sometimes when the points were very close that if I would put io a good return then maybe she would miss a volley, or maybe she would try

to go a little more for the serve." Martinez, while hreaking Graf's serve twice, could only hold once in each set. "I didn't play very good today. I don't hich bit the netcord judge. Her problem, she inferred, very deep, and I couldn't do



Steffi Graf plays a backhand during her victory in Paris yesterday

much, I couldn't get into the rhythm to get into the match." Graf's performance showed a marked improvement in the second set, by which time she may have sensed that her op-ponent did not have a lot left.

"I felt I was playing pretty ag-gressive, especially with the forehand." Graf said, "But I did realise the she was making more mistakes and trying for too much and taking too many risks. She added: "I knew that the heat would be favouring me, because I'm physically in better

crowd kind of get into it?" We trust that will not be a problem shape than she is. I think she has been in better shape before, too." Martinez won her only Grand tomorrow, when Graf and Slam singles title stylishly in Sanchez Vicario meet for the 1994, when Graf was eliminated 35th time. Graf leads the headin the opening round by Lori Mc-Neil. The Spaniard has beaten to-head, 26-8, and has won 19 of their 25 matches in finals.

It will be their third meeting in the final here, Sanchez surit was difficult for the crowd to prising everybody by winning in generate much atmosphere.
"We didn't have that many loog 1989, but unable to sustain a second-set recovery a year ago, rallies, to start off with," she Graf winning the final set, 6-0. said, "and there weren't too Immediately after that, of course, came their Wimbledon epic, many spectacular points. If it's Graf winning, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

### **Caddick and Rose rue** Warwickshire revival

Cricket

DEREK HODGSON reports from Taunton Warwickshire 255 Somerset 106-4

Andrew Caddick bowled beautifully to take five Warwickshire wickets for 76, figures marred by the concession of 14 in one over to the England pinch-hitter Neil premier swing bowler, beating every batsman frequently.

Warwickshire are without Dermot Reeve, Gladstone Small and Tim Munton, in-jured, and Nick Knight, with England, and fielded a long tail, one of the factors that caused Andy Hayhurst to send them in. That they were able to recover to a respectable score says

### **Bailey and Loye leave** a lasting impression

MICHAEL AUSTIN

reports from Trent Bridge Northamptonshire 269-3 v Nottinghamshire

Some batsmen are almost born to play diligent innings. Rob Bailey, a natural aggressor, had such demands thrust upon him by poor personal Championship form alleviated yesterday by his 40th first-class century.

A dour, maybe even dire, pitch yielded runs grudgingly, except to the waving willow of Mal Loye, who made 98, and provided no inspiration for a Nottinghamshire attack already exasperated by three Trent Bridge surfaces contributing to inevitable Championship draws.

Paul Johnson, the captain, reckons that the new groundsman, Frank Dalling, has been "ultra safe", bearing in mind that Nottinghamshire won the Championship in 1981 and 1987 oo grassy tracks and were docked 25 points for an unsuitable pitch

against Derbyshire in 1989. Johnsoo said: "We have to give him confidence to prepare something that will deteriorate. At the moment we are playing oegative cricket and

it's oot down to us - it's down to the facilities we are given." Nottinghamshire themselves have played 10 Championship games without a win since beating Yorkshire by eight wickets last July. Four of those matches have been ended in innings defeats, which has encouraged

the team manager, Alan Orm-

rod, to urge the side to be more vocal when in the field. There was some evidence of that but Nottinghamshire still had little to shout about. They introduced Lyndsay Walker, 21, an Australian-born wicketkeeper, who had the chagrin of seeing Chris Tolley drop Loye on three at extra cover, and also

Bailey, oo 57, in the same po-sition, off Richard Bates. Bailey's hundred occupied 88 overs at the crease, 262 halls in all, and included eight fours, while Loye, who had edged Kevin Evans just short of slip on 96, departed two runs later. He faced 191 balls, hit eight fours and struck Bates for two sixes.

The nightwatchman Paul Taylor joined Bailey, fortifying the theory that this innings will go oo and oo, with Northamptonshire hoping that an ultimately worn pitch will assist the off-spinner, John Emburey.

Benjamin, Bowling: Gough 10-4-15-1; Silverwood 6-1-30-0; Hartley 3-0-13-0; Stemp 5-2-9-1; Bevan 1-0-8-0, Umphren: B Leadlester and B Dudleston,

Smith. Now 27, Caddick remuch for their resilience and by claimed his place as England's the end of a long, hot day they 3 were striking back through... Shaoo Pollock and Dougle Brown, with Somerset worried.

about a follow-on. Caddick could not have asked for better cooditions: a green, 1 well-grassed pitch meant that the ball would move through the air 'r' and off the pitch. Add bounce and Caddick must have felt hiskingdom had come.

Wasim Khan was tucked up.: and got an inside edge in the third over, Dominic Ostler fell 8: at third slip in the seventh. After an hour, 26 were on the board and only Andy Moles seemed to be standing between . the champions and the abyss. When Graham Rose appeared and nipped one back into the 2 pads it should have been all over. Sadly for Somerset, Caddick and Rose had to he rested freduently, and the second line to bowling, Jeremy Batty apart, was lacking.

Trevor Penney, dropped at

nine and 14, played at and: missed Caddick at least a dozeo times. He stayed with Dougie Brown, missed at 16, and the pair Mark Lathwell, with a neat

were able to add 78 in 22 overs. catch and oeater run ont, broke up what was becoming a Bears' picnic but the so-called tail still managed to add another 81.

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Harbour Dues displaced a lot of potential when sweeping from last to first to score a home win at proving colt, by the Derby winner dip Anchor out of a half-sister to Oaks third Leap Lively, looked a cut above average as he left it late to land the Equity Financial Coled until the final furlong to conjure a fine turn of foot that reduced the lead of Clerkenwell in a matter of strides and earned a neck victory. Nabhaan, on whom Willie Carson had endured much criticism for an unlucky ride at Newbury, beat just one home.



**Britannic Assurance** County Championship First day of four; today: 11.0 Essex v Lancashire

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Charlie Egerton's Mysily carned a crack at the French Champion Hurdle later this month after finishing a good second to Montperle in the main prep race, the Prix la Barka over an extended two miles and five forlongs at Auteud yesterday. Always prominent. Jamie Osborne's mount was a lutle deliberate at an obstacle and dropped back to fitth at one stage. However, the mare railied again on the run-in and was beaten a length

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FIRST TEST: Indian batting frailty and outstanding fielding provide perfect tonics as Atherton's side continue its rehabilitiation

## Rejuvenated **England** seize the initiative

**DEREK PRINGLE** reports from Edgbaston

England have begun the First Test match well. By dismissing India inside a day for 214, they have matched hold selections with equally bold deeds and given themselves a splendid chance of winning this match by Monday. With their batsmen rattling up 60 decisive runs without loss by the close, a big first-innings lead now looks likely, leaving India with little more than to scan incoming weather reports for the slim hope of a means of escape.

In truth though, it was a day that spoke more of India's frailty than any great potency in the England bowling performance, which was flattered by some outstanding catching. Only a drop at cover by Nasser Hussain in the second over of the day, blotted an otherwise unhlemished fielding performance.

India have not played much Test cricket of late and it showed, their batting typified by a restlessness of spirit and a looseness of stroke, both byproducts of the high octane that fuels the one-day game. Only Vikram Rathore and Sunil Joshi, of the 10 Indian batsmen dismissed, could claim a decent ball undid them, a poor protame in comparison to last year's booe breaker - demanded patience and application. Having won the toss, Mo-

nin, 41 balls, 4 foursi dwnudch c Ynght b kark nin, 27 balls, 3 foursi Monga b Mallally

hammad Azharuddin decided to bat, which was the correct decision despite the presence of moisture in the surface and four nervous debutants in the side. In that respect they just pipped England, who awarded new caps to Alan Mulially. Min Patel and Ronnie Irani, after sending Peter Martin and John Crawley back to county duty with Lancashire. At tea, with India reeling on 162 for 8, both Mullally and Irani had got among the wickets, although Pa-

tel had yet to bowl. However, it was Chris Lewis, seemingly rehabilitated for the umpteenth time, who made the first inroad when he bad Ajay Jadeja caught low in the gully by Atherton, off a sliced cover

Both he and Dominic Cork, who shared the new ball with him, extracted some variable bounce, particularly when the ball as short, but India's collapse was facilitated when their No 3 Sanjay Manjrekar was forced to leave the field after twisting an

ankle in turning for a third run. Until then, India were toothing along nicely at 40 for 1, but before Atherton could make any possible changes, there was suddenly no need, Rathore, never a man for expansive foot movement edged an attempted drive to Nick Knight at third slip.

It was the first of a bat-trick of catches for Knight whose next to remove Azharuddin, is un-

Edgbaston scoreboard

ry 2-0-8-0 (nb1) (one spell each)

likely to be beliered all summer. Deliberately positioned closer than usual at square-leg by his captain, Knight dived full length to his left to make a back-handed catch with his right hand.

It was an unexpected dis-missal and it brought Irani a first Test wicket with his fifth ball. Had the Essex player been an old hand he would have known that a leg-stump half-volley is a dan-gerous delivery. As it was, the trademark shot that has brought Azharuddin well over half his Test runs proved his downfall.

Worse was to follow, when Sachin Tendulkar, known in India as the "unbowlable" was bowled by Cork, hitting across a straight half-volley. Believe it or not, since December 15th 1994, Tendulkar bas scored fewer Test runs than either Devon Malcolm or Angus Fraser, a statistic due more to a criminal lack of Test cricket than an enhancement of the former Eng;and bowler's technique.

An almost identical dismissal from the other end sent Nayan Mongia back, Mullally fully de-serving his first Test wicket, which was warmly applauded hy a half-full stadium. He added two more - one a smart catch at first slip by Graham Thorpe- to finish a first day's work with figures of 3 for 60, a satisfying start to a bowling career at this level.

It was Cork, though who again who provided the important breakthroughs. He has bowled better and was a yard short of his optimum length, as was Lewis, who finished with two wickets to Cork's four.

When England hatted, it looked another game, a day's sunshine and another rolling removing the moisture that bad lain within earlier in the day. Knight batted like a man who

knows his bome patch.

Well behind the ball in defence be was quick to hit anything loose with a crispness that had eluded all but Javagal Srinath, who top-scored for India.
If England could be criticised.

it was for the passage of play that allowed him and Paras Mhambrey to add 53 runs for the ninth wicket but if Atherton was guilty of letting his bowlers relax, his captaincy was generally of a high order.



and out: Dominic Cork celebrates the removal of Sachin Tendulkar's off-stump at Edgbaston yesterday

## Groundsman on a sticky wicket

There is a poster oo the wall of Steve Rouse's office entitled "A Guide to the Control of Weeds, Pests and Diseases". After all the offensiveness that the Edgbaston groundsman has had to put up with, you could imagine the advice it contained extend-ing beyond the horticultural.

The ferocious strip Rouse prepared for the Test against the West Indies last year has gone down in cricketing infamy. Which is why, as wickets tumbled on the first day yesterday,

be was hoping that he would not be in the firing line again. "I was burt by some of the

**GLENN MOORE** 

flavour yesterday.

signed to history.

There were television crews

from Switzerland, journalists

from the Netherlands, even a ra-

dio recorter from Austria. What

with the Mediterranean sun-

shine and the Parisian parasols

and Danish pastries of the me-dia village, Bisham Abbey had

taken on a truly continental

bome the part-European nature

of the event which is about to

engulf England and, for the first

time, everyone was focused on the football - flight CX251, the

China Jump bar and Terry Ven-

ables' legal battles were con-

This was not necessarily good news as far as Alan Shearer was enneerned. The Blackburn

striker has nothing to fear when

the press go looking for skele-tons to rattle but, when the in-

quisition turns to football, goals

or rather his lack of them ~

The last time Shearer was

It all combined to bring

Simon O'Hagan talks to Steve Rouse, whose preparation of a Test pitch last season went down in chcketing infamy

the last thing I want in this Test said it was an up-and-down is people saying the same things wicket." Hang on a second. again just because the Indians What about the balls from Dohave batted poorly."

On the evidence so far, the bold fewer demons than its predecessor. But, from a distance below his knees? things that were said after the at any rate, it still looked much West Indies match," Rouse said greener than was suggested by ease with which first India's low-

Venables lifts pressure

on goal-shy Shearer

When it ended he said, as he

walked away, "I can't believe it,

it is the first time no one has

asked me about the drought."

Then an autograph-hunting boy asked him: "Why don't you

score any goals for England?"
So it was back on familiar

am lucky enough to score a lot

of goals at club level but in in-

ternationals the defences are bet-

"I do not get that many for England and I'd like more but

why should they plan the team

around me? There are 10 oth-

er good players - as long as

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It is 22 months and 1,065 min-

ter and chances fewer.

someone is scoring.

during the afternoon session. "I David Lloyd's early-morning had some pretty nasty letters. I wouldn't have minded if the Rouse, though, had a clear people had signed them. I'd conscience. "I'm very pleased have written back. I'll take the with it," be said. "There's a bit blame. That was my fault. But of pace in it, but I wouldn't have

minic Cork that Jack Russell was leaping to take above his 1996 Edgbaston wicket does bead? And the ones from Chris Lewis that Russell was taking

Nonetheless, the relative

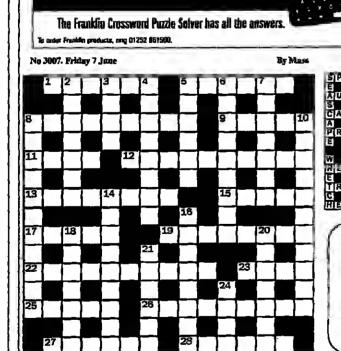
er-order batsmen and then England's openers coped will have come as a relief to Rouse, the 48-year-old former Warwickshire left-armer who bas been bead groundsman at Edgbaston since 1993. The West Indies experience upset him, and he has had a difficult time getting a Test wicket in shape this year.

Another track was originally earmarked, but it needed resewing in March and, when it still had not responded by last month, the decision was made

grassed wicket two along. "The grass is deceptive," Rouse ex-plained, "What matters is how dry it is. Teams have come here," seen a bit of green in the wicket, put us in, and the next thing you know we've scored 500." Rouse makes no apology for

his fast, bouncy wickets. As long as Alian Donald was spearheading the Warwickshire attack, that was what was required. while the county's batsmen, he said, developed the technique to deal with opponents who, misinterpreting what they saw, bowled too short. "You get flat wickets and it's total boredom." Rouse said. "I like to see results." It looks like he's going to get one.

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quizzed by the press at Bisham Shearer last scored for England. Turks unruffled over bird

NICK DUXBURY

take centre stage.

Fowl deeds looked to be afoot when Turkey arrived at their Lincolnshire base for the European Championship finals to be greeted by a large bird bearing a striking resemblance to their county's name.

However, fears of a joke too far at the Belton Woods hotel, near Grantham, were dispelled when it was discovered that the towering turkey could not give a stuff for Euro 96.

the day the British Turkey Turkey spokesman, said. "We all Federation was holding its anoual charity golf tournament Things here are excellent".

and the moulded-paper hird was promoting the event. This did not prevent Steve Harron, the botel's deputy-gen-eral manager, having to field calls from journalists wanting to hear about insulted Turkish players demanding that the bird be taken down.

"It was just coincidence that the party arrived on the day of the tournament," he said. "The turkey was removed at the end of the event as normal."

The Turks were bemused. "We are not against any The Turks had arrived on turkey," Bekir Orban Sahin, a saw it. There was no problem.

the subject was his rumoured In that time, Leicester have transfer to Manchester United. been relegated and promoted. been relegated and promoted Eric Cantona has been shamed and rehabilitated, and there bave been almost as many Royal divorces as resignations from the government over sex scandals. Yet Shearer is right when he adds: "If we win the tournament and I don't score no one

ground yesterday with Shearer will he complaining."

Venahles is not. Shearer playing straighter than any Indian cricketer. He refused even to be would still be his senior striker fazed by the presence of Gary even if Les Ferdinand was not suffering from his habitual groin strain. "I have no doubts what-Lineker, his considerably more prolific predecessor, who was giving his son George an early insoever." the coach said. "He is troduction to the media's ways. a great goalscorer but he is also "I always fancy myself to score," Shearer said, "some days a top-class footballer. He draws others into the game and makes you do, some days you don't. I

chances for them." Ferdinand stepped out of training half-way through with his groin problem. Paul Gascoigne also missed the end of yesterday's session, his feet are still sore after having blisters. Gary Neville and Tony Adams both returned to training after missing the week's earlier sessions.

All four are expected to be fit for tomorrow when England's main worry could be the referee. Spain's Manuel Diaz Vega a showman – is in charge and there is concern he will be seeking a scapegoat to set a precedent for the European football union's latest crackdown.

Venables, recalling the un-lucky dismissal of Bolivia's Marco Etcheverry in the 1994 World Cup's npening game, said: They can be as strict as they like - the clampdown made for some super games in the World Cup. But I don't want anyon looking for a sacrificial lamb be cause it is the first game."

England's match against th Dutch will be refereed by Aus tria's Gerd Grabber, hence the presence of the Austrian radio man. "Have you a message for the referee," he asked Stuart Pearce. "Yeah, tell him we're right behind him." Pearce replied. An unnerving thought.

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